

Brianna Uy

From: Shirley Lewis <volcanoview3@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Brianna Uy
Cc: Lona Lewis; Robert and Kim Lewis; sklewis15@comcast.net
Subject: comments on Jorgensen Timber rezone request
Attachments: Jorgense_rezone_comments_November_2020.docx

Hello --

Please accept the attached comments on the Jorgensen Timber LLC rezone request.

Thank you,

Shirley Lewis
112 Salmi Road
Winlock WA 98596

360-785-3138

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Comments to the Lewis County Planning Commission
about the Jorgensen Timber rezone request
November 3, 2020

We have many concerns about Jorgensen Timber, LLC's request to rezone 80 acres of land on the Salmi Road:

Is it really part of Lewis County's land use plan to have so many quarries operating at once in this concentrated area? Good's Crushing is currently operating quarries totaling 46 acres and has applied for a special use permit to expand to a total of 141.8 acres which would be adjacent to our properties. There is also quarry about two miles west of our properties. Jorgensen Timber's "opt-in" application does not contain much detail about what type of mining operations are proposed, but because these quarries are here already, we know what to expect – blasting, crushers, trucks -- more noise heard very clearly; sometimes for up to eight hours a day.

An increase in truck traffic in Evaline is disturbing but an increase in traffic on the Salmi Road is alarming. The Salmi Road is inadequate to handle more traffic; it is a dead-end road which is not completely paved. The intersection of the Hale Road and the Salmi Road is difficult for passenger cars to turn on; it would be impossible for large trucks to use safely.

We are concerned about possible landslides, erosion, and earthquake danger. In part B, number 7 of the SEPA checklist, the terrain is described as "flat". It may meet the definition of flat, but it is at the top of the ridge that our property shares. **Are there regulations governing changing the contours of the land especially the tops of hills and mountains?**

We are concerned about the effect the mine would have on our wells, surface water, and aquifer. We have these same concerns about the Good's quarry expansion which have not yet been answered. The "opt-in" application does not address these concerns. We know that there have been disruptions of local wells as the result of past mining operations.

We are concerned that this mine will destroy wildlife habitat and removing vegetation will add to the risk of flooding. In addition to the songbirds listed in the application, this area has owls, bald eagles, turkey vultures, northern harriers, and herons. We are seeing fewer deer this year which we think may be due to increased activity at the Johnson pit operated by Good's quarry.

The rezoning proposal does not address how long the mine is projected to be in operation. The proposed expansion of Good's quarry projected 30 or more years of operations. **How many decades of mining are Evaline area residents to endure? What is proposed to happen to this land after the mining is complete?**

Will Lewis County's assessments of properties affected by the mines be lowered/and or frozen? We are concern that our property values will plummet while mines are operation.

Lewis County portrays our county as a good place to live and tries to attract tourist dollars. Almost every year, thousands of bicyclists travel through Evaline during the Seattle-Tacoma-Portland (STP) bike ride. **Are these gaping pits what county government wants to sell to these visitors and potential residents?**

Increased noise, traffic, hillside stability, disruption of wildlife habitat, potential for destruction of water resources, the environment risks and decreased quality of life – this rezone would bring too many problems to the Evaline area. We are already dealing with enough industrial issues in our rural community.

Please deny this rezone request.

Lona Lewis 386 Hale Road West, Winlock

Shirley Lewis 112 Salmi Road, Winlock

Robert Lewis 0 Salmi Road, Winlock

S. Kay Lewis 0 Salmi Road, Winlock

Brianna Uy

From: Reece Stanley <reecestanley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 9:38 PM
To: Brianna Uy
Subject: Jorgenson Timber Rock Quarry Application

Dear Ms. Uy

This email is intended to address the rezoning of parcels 014997000000 and 015001001000 to mineral resource land.

My wife and I strongly oppose this rezoning and feel that it will have severe negative impacts to not only our home and property but also the entire community that surrounds us. We are located at 123 Rayburn Rd W Winlock WA 98596 - only a few hundred feet from the parcels in question. With the current rock quarry being located adjacent to our property this new quarry would create a significant cliff on two sides of our property.

Additionally, as the current rock quarry continues to expand we have noticed that our water often has sediment in it after blasting. If another quarry this close is added we believe more water issues will follow.

We purchased our home because of its location and the setting that it provided. It is a tight knit community that relies on each other. We rarely go down the road without waving at a neighbor or stopping to say hello. With the further industrialization of this area that small community character is in jeopardy. There are several rock quarries in the area and with the recent approval of the Goods Quarry expansion it doesn't seem necessary to add another one.

We bought our home five years ago with the intention of raising a family here, due to the peaceful scenery it offers. We are concerned this rezoning will interfere completely with that plan, and disrupt long-term plans for our property.

We ask that our concerns be taken into serious consideration.

Regards,
Reece Stanley and Tabitha Moore

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RE:COMP PLAN AMENDMENT , RZ19-00001

The undersigned does hereby certify that he mailed the following documents:

- November 10, 2020 Planning Commission Agenda
- October 27, 2020 Planning Commission Agenda
- Notice of Hearing for October 27, 2020 Planning Commission Hearing
- RZ19-000001 – Jorgensen Timber LLC Planning Commission Public Hearing Report
- Letter from the applicant Phillips Burgess PLLC dated 10.19.20
- Comments from neighbors as of October 27, 2020
- Application submittal- Type V application, Legal description and land use map, SEPA Checklist, and Supporting documentation
- Type V Notice of Application

The signatory properly mailed the document to comply with Public Records Request. Dennis Mears called requesting documents per notice of hearing. He received a copy of notice in mailbox “yesterday” due to interested party copying notice and placing in mailbox. Voicemail received November 2, 2020. Documents were sent November 2, 2020.

Materials were mailed to the following parties:

Dennis and Janette Mears
133 Hawks View Drive
Winlock WA 98596

Dated at Lewis County, Washington, this 2 day of Nov, 2020.

Brianna Uy
Signature

Brianna Uy
Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 2 day of Nov, 2020.

Notary Public
State of Washington
Patricia A Weiher
Commission Expires 06/29/22

Patricia A Weiher
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of

Washington, residing at: Oralaster
My commission expires: 6/29/22

Brianna Uy

From: gljones@1791.com
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 9:41 PM
To: Brianna Uy
Cc: gljones@1791.com
Subject: rezone

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Dear Planning Commission my name is Gary Jones I live on Rayburn Rd and would like to object another rezoning to Mineral resource land of parcels 014997000000 and 015001001000 that would cause a devaluation of our property. It can also effect the water table effecting or wells and also soil contamination we already see a change in the water with the existing pit which has already expanded its operation. You give us a deadline to respond on an election day when most would be preoccupied with the election results nice one. i would just ask you would hear our voice and consider our objection to this matter thank you.

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Brianna Uy

From: greg fenwick <gef906@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Brianna Uy
Subject: Re: Contact Info

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Thank you for returning your address. I am voicing my objection to the rezoning request by Jorgenson Timber, LLC to have the property located above Goods Rock Quarry rezoned as Mineral Resource Land. We live right below the Goods Quarry expansion and have had a tremendous increase in truck traffic with the expansion of the quarry as it is. We have constant heavy equipment noise and blasting rocking out home with no notice, scaring my wife and our animals not to mention the probable damage to our house. With this increased construction of deconstruction our property value will decrease and our well water quality and quantity will be impacted negatively. Please consider this objection, thank you. Greg Fenwick 117 Highland rd. Winlock,WA 98596. 360-785-3396

On November 2, 2020, at 11:39 AM, Brianna Uy <Brianna.Uy@lewiscountywa.gov> wrote:

Brianna Uy

Associate Planner
Lewis County Community Development
2025 NE Kresky Ave
Chehalis, WA 98532
360-740-2602
Brianna.Uy@lewiscountywa.gov <- updated email

Note my last name changed from Teitzel to Uy. Please update your contacts accordingly.

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Brianna Uy

From: Paulette Rautio <tedpauletter@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Brianna Uy
Subject: Good Quarry Expansion

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Lewis County Planning Commission
Chehalis, WA

October 31, 2020

RE: Good Rock Quarry Expansion

Right up front, I will say my husband, Ted Rautio and myself, Paulette Rautio, are against the rezoning of Jorgensen's land to allow for a new rock quarry. We already have the Good Quarry in our neighborhood with its desire to mine the entire hillside across to Hale Rd. By allowing Jorgensen's proposal, the county would be disregarding the following ramifications to our small community:

- It is in a highly desirable and growing community of residents and farms with hundreds of homes within a mile of these mines.
- It will further the damage to our water supply and its associated quality as they breach the aquifer and water table the entire community depends on.
- The Good Quarry immediately to the east of the proposed area has damaged homes – an additional and larger pit will make the damage to our structures even worse
- The existence of an additional quarry will damage the home values in the area
- The constant noise and microquakes is detrimental to the community's quality of life – humans, animals, and wildlife alike
- It will displace local wildlife from their natural habitat
- The blasting rattles pictures and delicate decorations hung on our walls
- The blasting damages windows, breaking the seals
- The blasting damages walls and cracks foundations of homes
- Every time the current quarry blasts, we see an immediate increase in sediment out of our faucets and we are 3,000 feet from the quarry.
- Since the good quarry opened in 2003, our water has become hard and tastes weird due to increasing mineral deposits.

The fact the county even allowed the existing quarry to be opened so close to the water table and the critical aquifer recharging area is baffling. But to now allow that pit to expand and then allow another pit immediately to the west is just plain irresponsible. By allowing another quarry in such close proximity, the county would be completely disregarding the community's quality of life. Unlike in the past, please do not discount us as pests, but rather, consider that allowing the continued expansion of these mines in such a confined area would completely decimate our entire community and way of life. Please do not forsake an entire community out of convenience of being able to get to some rock.

Sincerely,

Ted and Paulette Rautio
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Winlock, WA 98596
tedpauletter@gmail.com

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Paulette

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Brianna Uy

From: Kamuela Placer <kamuelaplacer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 30, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Brianna Uy

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Can you send me the outline of this new mining area requested by jorgensons timber above goods rock quarry

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Brianna Uy

From: Graham Gowing
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 8:37 AM
To: Brianna Uy
Subject: FW: Email from Community Development Contact Form

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Hi Bri,

I imagine this email should be forwarded to you?

Graham

From: contact@lewiscountywa.gov <contact@lewiscountywa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Graham Gowing <Graham.Gowing@lewiscountywa.gov>
Subject: Email from Community Development Contact Form

Name: Ted & Paulette Rautio

Email: tedpauletter@gmail.com

Message: Lewis County Planning Commission Chehalis, WA October 31, 2020 RE: Good Rock Quarry Expansion Right up front, I will say my husband, Ted Rautio and myself, Paulette Rautio, are against the rezoning of Jorgensen's land to allow for a new rock quarry. We already have the Good Quarry in our neighborhood with its desire to mine the entire hillside across to Hale Rd. By allowing Jorgensen's proposal, the county would be disregarding the following ramifications to our small community:

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Brianna Uy

From: Vanessa Gaskill <vbulock@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Brianna Uy
Subject: Supplemental Objection to Re-Zoning of Parcels 014997000000 & 015001001000 to Mineral Resource Land

November 3, 2020

Brianna Uy, Planner
Lewis County Planning Commission
2025 NE Kresky Ave
Chehalis, WA, 98532

Re: Supplemental Objection to Re-Zoning of Parcels 014997000000 & 015001001000 to Mineral Resource Land

Dear Ms. Uy:

We would like to take a moment to thank our neighbors, our board members, and our Lewis County representatives for their time, information and consideration at the last public hearing. The thoughtful questioning from the board members and the heartfelt statements from our surrounding neighbors further cemented our objections to the rezoning request. During the hearing, we appreciated the further inquiries from the board members regarding the difference between RDD-20 and MLR zoning, and the potential for other mineral lands further west of our community. It became apparent that if the rezoning request is granted, Jorgenson Timber will be able to move forward with a rock quarry without protections to the surrounding landowners, which will not only impact the neighbors within 500 feet of the parcel, but in reality, much further.

It was explained during the public meeting that the current zoning already protects and preserves the minerals in the land; therefore, there is no reason to rezone it unless there is a plan in the very near future to extract those minerals. According to estimates we have roughly 30 to 40 years to establish new mineral lands for extracting before we exhaust our current supply. We are surrounded by thousands of acres of potential MLR lands owned by Jorgenson Timber, other large timber companies and private landowners that may serve the future need with less impact to established homeowners. Given we have ample time, I propose that the committee deny this proposal and require Jorgenson Timber to further explore other potential properties for mineral land locations that will not have a detrimental impact on families in our area.

Peter Battuello, whose geologist credentials could not be verified on the Washington State licensing website, testified at the hearing on October 27, 2020, that the rock 10 miles west where there are no

residences, is less desirable than the potential rock in the parcels listed in the proposal. He offered no report or other factual evidence of this statement. Mr. Battuello also testified about use of better mining techniques, but did not provide any specifics or guarantee those would be utilized by Jorgenson Timber. To my knowledge, there's no other way to extract rock than using traditional dynamite blasting, loud rock crushing, destruction and contamination of water supply, heavy machinery sounds, and dump trucks coming in and out. Again, Mr. Battuello provided no facts or data to support his statement, and I believe it's a reasonable request to have these facts provided to the board to make a fair and accurate decision.

We were incredibly concerned to learn at the hearing about the county's lack of notification to the surrounding homeowners who will be directly impacted by the plan for this rezoning. There are several families on Hale Road, Salmi Road, Nelson Road, Tennessee Road, School House Road, Pleasant Valley Road, Rayburn Road, and Lentz Road who will feel the negative impacts of this rezoning, but were given no notice or opportunity to provide their input. We are thankful the board allowed additional time for public comment. We used the time to inform the neighbors we could reach of the request and hope you will take their concerns into consideration when weighing your decision.

If this proposal is approved, then the MLR land and the future rock quarry would be our backyard. It would be 40 feet from our back door and go from being a forest to a noisy, dusty, giant hole in the ground. It would completely destroy everything we love about our home and would cause us to uproot our family. The resale value of our home would plummet, and we would take a substantial loss on our largest asset. Our property backs up to the timbered northeast corner of the proposed parcels and rests atop the hill with incredible views of the Chehalis Valley and surrounding mountains. It's on a safe, quiet, dead end road and is the perfect location to raise our children. We can't fathom how creating 4-10 jobs and lining the pockets of any already wealthy company outweighs the quality of life to the many residents in our area who have been here for years. In light of all the concerns about the impact this will have on our family's future, we implore you to deny the request.

With kindest regards,

Tyler & Vanessa Gaskill
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Brianna Uy

From: Tammy Wells <tlwells83@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 10:13 AM
To: Brianna Uy
Subject: Response regarding Jorgensen Rezoning Application
Attachments: Wells_JorgensenRezoningMining_LCCommissionHearing_11-2020.PDF

Hello,

Please see the attached letter concerning the Jorgensen Rezoning Application.

Thank you,

Tammy & Brett Wells

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October 30, 2020

Tammy and Brett Wells
124 Lentz Rd
Winlock, WA 98596

Lewis County Planning Commission
2025 NE Kresky Ave
Chehalis, WA, 98532

RE: Jorgensen Timber's Request to Rezone Parcels 014997000000 and 015001001000 from Rural Development District 20 to Mineral Resource Land

Dear Lewis County Planning Commission:

My husband and myself, Brett and Tammy Wells, are writing in protest of the rezoning of Jorgensen's land to mineral resource land to allow for a new rock quarry. We already have the detrimental Good Quarry in our neighborhood with its desire to mine the entire hillside across to Hale Rd. If Jens Jorgensen is allowed to mine his two parcels, it will affect the entire community, especially those of us along the same shelf of basalt.

By allowing Jorgensen's proposal, the county would be disregarding our entire community of homes and farms with hundreds of residents within a mile of the existing and proposed mines. This proposal is particularly discouraging because despite our seemingly close proximity, we would not have even known about this proposal if it were not for our neighbors having land abutting Jorgensen's property. This proposal was originally submitted in December 2019, but by only requiring notification of those within 500 feet of the proposed mining area, it makes the county appear complicit in these entities' clear disregard for our entire community and way of life.

As such, we urge the county planning commission and county commissioners to consider the following effects that the mines have on our community:

- The Good Quarry immediately to the east of the proposed area has already damaged homes – additional, larger pits will make the damage to our structures even worse.
- The mines are damaging an entire community's water supply and its associated quality as they have already breached the aquifer and water table. Allowing continued, excessive mining within such a confined area could completely decimate our water table.
- Every time the current quarry blasts, we see an immediate increase in sediment out of our faucets, 3,000 feet from the existing quarry.
- The increased sediment clogs screens and filters in water heaters, well pumps, dish washers, and clothes washers, which causes them to fail years sooner than expected.
- Since the good quarry opened in 2003, our water has become hard and polluted with increasing mineral deposits and other pollutants. It has gotten to the point that the water turns sinks and tubs orange and we have to buy bottled water for regular consumption.
- The existence of an additional quarry will cause property values to fall and deter future growth in the community.
- The constant noise and microquakes caused by the mining operations is detrimental to the community's quality of life – humans, animals, flora, and wildlife alike.

- It will displace local wildlife from their established home range and habitat.
- The expanded operations removes hundreds of acres of safe area available for recreational horseback riding and hiking by the local community.
- The blasting rattles and breaks delicate and valuable family heirlooms on our walls and in our homes.
- The blasting damages windows and walls and cracks foundations of homes, making them unsafe and potentially ineligible for resale.

The fact the county allowed the existing quarry to be opened so close to the water table and the critical aquifer recharging area is baffling. But to now allow that pit to expand and then allow another 80 acre pit immediately to the west is irresponsible planning by the county as it paints the county as greedy with zero regard for its residents.

We urge the county leadership to not follow in their predecessor's footsteps by considering the community to be pests in the way of its quest to acquire rock from a convenient location. Please do not forsake an entire community out of pure convenience. But rather, consider that allowing the continued expansion of mining operations in such a confined area would decimate our entire community and way of life.

Sincerely,

Brett and Tammy Wells