

August 13, 2022

Lewis County Planning Commission  
% Mindy Brooks  
2025 NE Kresky Avenue  
Chehalis, WA 98532

Re: Good-Apollo Mining Opt-In Rezone Proposal

Quarrying is a major environmental concern. Allowing the proposed change of 443.5 acres from Agriculture Resource Land to Mineral Resource Land will have a negative impact on the surrounding residential and farming landowners.

There is no question that all landowners in the vicinity, not just those within ¼ mile, will be adversely affected by the end goal of a quarry on the proposed rezone site.

#### Water

- It is a fact that quarrying pollutes rivers, streams, and groundwater. Mining uses significant amounts of water that leads to mineral content contamination of groundwater and family wells. The very nearby Cowlitz River cannot help but be impacted by the discharge and drainage.

#### Air Quality

- The particles and dust will lead to respiratory conditions and worsen the quality of life for those with asthma, COPD, etc.

#### Noise

- Blasting, crushing, and heavy truck traffic are all detriments to our current peaceful environment.

#### Geologic Issues

- Erosion, sedimentation, and landslides are all major concerns.

#### Loss of Habitat

- Quarrying/mining always permanently alters the abundant wildlife in the surrounding area.

#### Traffic

- Brim Road is a narrow country road with a significant curve between the proposed site and Highway 12. It will not safely handle an increase in dump truck traffic. The intersection of Brim Road and Highway 12 is already hazardous. The increased truck traffic will only worsen a dangerous intersection.

#### Surrounding Homes

- Homes have been purchased and built based on the fact that the land was in a quiet residential and farming area. Changing the 443.5 acres to Mineral Resource, to ultimately become a rock quarry, changes that quiet residential and farming area for every nearby landowner. There clearly will be a loss of tranquility for these landowners as well as very significant loss of resale value.

We understood when we purchased, 15 years ago, that we were buying in an agricultural area. It is even stated as a condition of approval for the prior subdivision of our property. We respect the rights of others to apply for zoning changes but please also respect our rights and expectations.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

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**From:** [Casey Taylor](#)  
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August 19, 2022  
Lewis County Planning Committee  
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I find this email difficult to write. I never thought I would have to defend and protect the way of life I had wanted for my family. When my wife and I chose the land we decided to build our "Forever" home on, we were very particular. We wanted beautiful views, wildlife, quiet, safety for our children, and privacy (although as my neighbors can attest that my daughter does not understand this one). We found that land off of Brim Rd., Poplar Ln. We overlook one of the best views in the county. We sit upon a bench overlooking the Cowlitz Valley with views of 3 Mountains. It is amazing, pristine, and peaceful.

This quarrying project would change every above stipulation for us buying our land over 8 years ago. Our view would now overlook a quarry, our eyes will be drawn to the mining; not the valley or the mountains. The wildlife would be pushed out. We will no longer see deer, elk, bear, eagles, hawks, or owls that naturally live in the area sandwiched between the Cowlitz River and Hwy 12. The peace and quiet will also be over; the sound of birds and a calming wind will be replaced by rock crushers, machinery, and large trucks. Will I allow my kids to ride their bikes on the roads the dump trucks will now be using, unlikely.

Below is a list of effects this project will have on the people living in this vicinity:

**Noise:** Crushing, blasting, truck traffic

**Habitat:** The animals listed above will undoubtedly be pushed out

**Water:** This will affect groundwater, streams, and the Cowlitz River which is just downhill from the site

**Air:** The dust from the site will cover everything nearby

**Traffic:** Our country roads will now be filled with large trucks

Currently there are 3 quarries in different directions within 15 minutes of the proposed site. We have no need for another quarry, there is no shortage of rock. This proposed project will benefit Alan and Pamela Good and the Avapollo Land Corporation and harm every friend and neighbor of the 435 acre proposed site. Please do not allow a quarry to be put in that will change the way of life that my neighbors and I have invested in, and please do not put the needs of the few above the many.

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**External Email - Remember to think before you click!**

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August 22nd, 2022

We are writing this letter in opposition to the rezoning application located at 0 Spencer Rd, permit # RZ21-0002 and SEP21-0039 from Agriculture resource to Mineral resource lands.

I own the two parcels which the easement is adjacent to off Griffis Rd including parcel # 028025002000 and 028024022003. I initially reached out to Lewis County Community Development, William Teitzel, Brian at Wa Department of Ecology and Zach Meyer with Wetlands. Case # ERTS 675901 during the summer and fall of 2018 regarding the easement. I was concerned at the time due to the fact the easement had been rebuilt with a new bridge over Blue Creek and new culverts in other streams that travel through my property. Since this time my creeks have been drying up much sooner. I used to have a month or two without water flowing and now go up to six months a year without water flowing. This has environmentally impacted my property in a negative way not only for my cattle but to all the wildlife that visit my property. Mr. Teitzel stated he was unable to access the property due to "no trespassing signs" and would try again another day.

Besides the constant air and noise pollution that would be introduced into this peaceful, quiet farming community, would be the dust continually blowing onto my entire North and East property lines. I would propose the easement would have to be paved if allowed. Also, our little county Griffis road is not wide enough and would not hold up to constant large equipment and dump truck traffic. Along with the concerns of many small children often playing along our Brim Road and crossing back & forth between the many family dairies.

I recently lost my mom to Covid and my only surviving sibling, my sister, has plans to build a home with the existing beautiful view. We have concerns regarding the level of the proposed pit, the water table level and depth of our wells with risks of contamination. Rezoning to Mineral resource land would financially devastate the value of my back parcel as it is bordered both on the North and East property lines. Besides the constant noise and air pollution my property would lose a beautiful view as would all the neighbors along it who primarily purchased their properties for this reason.

I was born and raised on this property and able to buy it back in 2004, after losing two brothers, 20 years after my parents lost it. I am sentimentally attached to my property for many of these reasons and plan on staying here on the front parcel for the rest of my life and passing it on to my children. It would be financially and emotionally devastating for this rezoning to be approved. My neighbors and I all chose to live here for many reasons including view, clean air, peaceful and quiet country setting which would all be adversely affected. The property in question, along with all the surrounding

properties has been zoned for agriculture for years and my request is that remain that way and not be turned into a large environmentally unfriendly industrial site, greatly devaluing all of our properties.

I also have grave concerns regarding the environmental impact a rock quarry would have on a small, protected stream with salmon spawning like Blue Creek which runs through the back of my property. We often see numerous waterfowl, birds, deer, elk, bald eagles, coyotes, bear and bobcats in our field and can't imaging the impact mining the 440+ acres adjacent to us would have environmentally on all of the wildlife, devastating their safe and fragile habitat. Since 2004 I have watched a herd of over 40 elk that used to wander through my field, spending much of their time on the property requesting rezoning, dwindle to 12-15 because of hoof rot. An environmental change of this magnitude would be devastating and detrimental to this small herd that has been fighting and struggling to survive already.

Thank you for reconsidering.

Jodi Urich Sayad

David Sayad