

Feb. 8, 2022

Regarding RZ21-00002 rezoning permit

I own lot 3 of the subdivision off Poplar Lane. I purchased this property because of its quietness and pleasant views. There are several nice homes here on the ridge overlooking the proposed rezoning acreage. I chose to live here because of the above reasons. If someone wanted to put a gravel pit here, they had years of opportunity to do so long before this period in time when we have already built here. I most certainly would have found different parcel somewhere else.

Putting a mining operation down below us would certainly decimate the value of our properties and our quality of life. The possibility of big equipment, conveyors, screen decks. And rock crushers pounding away all day any day would ruin our lives here in this location. A gravel operation is very unsightly, and very few things make more noise.

There are several gravel pits not far from here and I don't see any kind of critical need to have another one especially in this location. The Woods family next to our subdivision have an open pit down on the south end of their property about a mile away. There are no residences near by and no one would ever know it was there because of its location. Places back in undeveloped areas where they have minimal impact are where they should be. If I would have developed this property and there was already a commercial gravel pit in existence I would not have any grounds for complaint.

I feel that if they put aside a few acres for their own personal use to maintain roads on that property located somewhere up towards the N.E. end of their property, as far away as possible from our subdivision, I could probably live with that. I am totally opposed to a commercial operating gravel pit on that that parcel of land.

Sincerely, Harold Powell



Feb 9. 2022

130 Poplar Lane
Onalaska, WA 98570
February 10, 2022



Lewis County Community Development Department
2025 NE Kresky Ave
Chehalis, WA 98532

We, William and Judy Potter, are writing this letter in hopes that the proposed rock quarry on Spencer Road in Toledo Washington will not be granted permission to continue with the development of 443 acres of agricultural land. We have great concerns with overall environmental impacts, personal impacts and the devastating effects to the local wildlife.

We worry about the environmental impacts of the proposed quarry site which is in direct view of our recently built home on Poplar Lane. Not only will a rock quarry be visually unpleasant, but in addition to the obvious noise pollution that a quarry would bring, there would be other accompanying issues. Air quality would be adversely affected at surrounding residences because the prevailing winds would most certainly blow dust from blasts and crushing operations. With those blasting and crushing operations there will be noise issues that will be intrusive. The truck traffic on Brim Road, which abuts Poplar Lane, will increase dramatically as a result of the quarry.

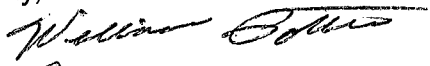
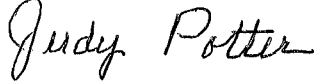
There will be great financial impacts on local residents too. On Poplar Lane alone there are five family homes and in addition to the obvious environmental impacts, there is also the substantial financial impact to consider. What once had been listed as a "View Property" with an agricultural view would become a property with an industrial view and an environmentally unfriendly neighbor. When residents purchased land on Poplar Lane, they signed a waiver acknowledging that they were near an agricultural area and were aware of the accompanying effects. An industrial neighbor would greatly affect the resale value on these properties in a negative way.

Our final area of concern is for the local wildlife. Contamination of the water run-off could greatly affect the local creeks and waterways. Not only would the nearby Cowlitz River experience greater sedimentary flows, but small local streams such as the one at the bottom of our property where salmon spawn every year would be negatively influenced by having a rock quarry nearby. The land that is the proposed site for the rock quarry is frequently visited by many animals including elk, deer, bear, bobcats,

cougar and coyotes to name a few. The bird life that inhabits the land include owls, eagles, hawks, songbirds and a great variety of waterfowl.

The negative impact of having what was once a thriving agricultural site being converted into a rock quarry has great environmental, personal and wildlife implications. Please reconsider granting permission to big business in our peaceful valley.

Sincerely,

William Potter

Judy Potter

*Carrie Lantz
126-36 Poplar Lane
Onalaska, WA 98570*



February 12, 2022

Lewis County Community Development
2025 NE Kresky Avenue
Chehalis, WA 98532

Attn: Mindy Brooks, Senior Long Range Planner

RE: **Project Location:** 0 Spencer Road, Parcel Numbers
028043004001, 028043004002, 028061000000,
028025001000, 02802024001000 – Section 21, Township
12N, Range 01E.
Permit Number(s): RZ21-00002, SEP21-0039
Persons: Alan and Pamela Good

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my opposition to the proposed project at 0 Spencer Road, permit numbers RZ21-00002 and SEP21-0039. The proposed rezoning, if approved, will have severe and irreversible negative impacts upon myself, my neighbors, the environment, and the wildlife who live in harmony with us.

My property is immediately adjacent to this proposed project and Blue Creek runs through both properties. This creek is protected due to the salmon that run in this creek. The proposed project will not only negatively impact the salmon, but will impact the deer and elk who live in the forest land immediately south of the proposed project. This project will destroy both habitats and this cannot be allowed to happen.

I purchased my property for the spectacular views and serenity of the valley below where this project will be located. Myself and my neighbors paid a premium price for our properties because of the untarnished views and landscape. The proposed project will destroy the views and permanently reduce the future value of all properties adjacent to the project, including mine. The dust, noise, and pollution caused by the proposed project will be introduced into a pristine natural environment that will be impossible to mitigate.

The property in question was originally zoned for a purpose and that purpose was not to destroy the environment and way of life we have all become accustomed to. This project as proposed is single minded for the financial benefit of the property owners without regard to the unimaginable destruction to the land, environment, wildlife and the impact on the surrounding property owners. It is inconceivable to those potentially impacted by this proposed project that Lewis County would even consider such a project as being appropriate for the area. By approving the rezoning of this property, Lewis County is opening the door and setting a precedent for other properties to be rezoned. The end result will be an environment that was once beautiful and turn it into pollution filled industrial parks void of any natural beauty or prosperity for the citizens of Onalaska.

For these reasons, I strenuously object to the rezoning of this property.

Sincerely,

Carrie Lantz

Jodi Urich Sayad
David Sayad
133 Griffis Rd
Onalaska WA 98570

Mindy Brooks, Senior Long Range Planner
Lewis County Community Development
2025 NE Kresky Ave
Chehalis WA 98532

February 20, 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.

I 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 imagine 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.

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 need to be paved. 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 have considered selling my second parcel due to recent financial hardships to a family member. My parcel is a valuable, beautiful, view property. 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. MY dad built the barn in 1962. 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 emotionally devastating and heart breaking to me 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 it continue to be used agriculturally like it has in the past and not turned into a large environmentally unfriendly industrial site.

Thank you for reconsidering.

Jodi Urich Sayad

David Sayad

Jeff and Sheila Wilson
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Parcel No 028024231002

Mindy Brooks, Senior Long Range Planner
Lewis County Community Development
2025 NE Kresky Ave
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In regards to rezoning application for 443.5 acres on Spencer Road, Permit numbers RZ21-00002 and SEP21-0039.

At first we were hesitant of writing a letter. Thankful for living in America and proud of being Lewis County citizens. We realize these two things come with rights and freedoms for each of us. So on one hand, we don't take the privilege of being property owners for granted or the freedom of the owner to make choices on their own property (within limits). On the other hand, this thought led us to our own reality, 800' of our land borders the property in question. The view from our home is primarily of this same property. We purchased our 20 acres with limitations. We signed and paid for the county document, stating we live in an agricultural area.

We are not allowed a commercial business on our property or tall buildings, that could impede our neighbors view, no logging next to the creek and so on. All of these limitations did not deter us from purchasing the property nine years ago, instead they enhanced our reasons to buy it.

Because of the agricultural zoning we have the privilege of seeing salmon spawn in our creek, watching resident elk, deer, bear, bobcats and birds of prey almost daily. We have a beautiful view, clean air, peace, quiet and great neighbours that enjoy the same.

So in closing, we do respect the rights of others to apply for zoning changes, but we are also hopeful you will protect our rights for the reason we purchased our property, in the first place.

Respectfully,

Jeff Wilson
Sheila Wilson

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