

December 18th, 2024

City of Cle Elum
119 West First Street
Cle Elum, WA 98922

Subject: Concerns Regarding Wildwood Ranch LLC Development Applications (SUB-2023-003, DA-2024-001, SEPA-2024-004)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed large development in Cle Elum. While I understand the potential for growth and development, I feel that this project is too large for our community to handle at this time.

Traffic in Cle Elum is already becoming congested, and our infrastructure, particularly roads and traffic lights, are not equipped to support such a large development. Additionally, there is a lack of affordable grocery options, with Safeway becoming overcrowded and expensive for many residents.

My primary concern, however, is the impact this development may have on the natural environment. The wildlife and natural beauty of this area are key elements that make Cle Elum so special, and I fear this development may disrupt that balance if we do not maintain larger lots similar to homes in this area, like mine.

I urge the city to reconsider allowing such a large-scale development in this area. A more thoughtful and cohesive approach, one that prioritizes the community's well-being and adheres to established city codes, would be much more beneficial. City codes are in place to ensure the health and safety of residents, and it is important that this new development complies with these standards to minimize potential risks to our community.

I ask for your careful consideration of these concerns, and I trust that the city will take the necessary steps to ensure the development aligns with Cle Elum's needs and values.
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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