City of Cle Elum
119 West First Street
Cle Elum, WA 98922
Attn: Planning & Development Division
RE: Wildwood Ranch LLC proposed Housing project
Location: 1317 E. Third Street
File Number: SUB-2023-003, DA-2024-001, SEPA-2024-004

December 15th, 2024



Dear Planning Committee,

Thank you for the Notice regarding the above-mentioned project. My name is Logan Ponnoosamy and I am one of the resident of Kendrick station development at the end of 3rd street. I am sure the planning committee has received plenty of comments from the residents of Cle Elum regarding this project and why it should not be approved as is. I am surprised this project as presented is even under consideration, this is a very dense construction project on such a small parcel of land in a small town like Cle Elum. The planning committee surely is already aware of the problem which exist with such a high-density housing project and from what you have already heard and read from the different residents in the area. Instead, I would rather provide a different perspective on this project instead of repeating all the cons related to this project.

I have lived here for the last 15 years, and I am the oldest resident in the Kendrick station development, I could have chosen a different part of the state and believe me I looked at several places before choosing this area. I was very familiar with this area already, my son and I did a lot of backpacking trips in the teanaway area, thorpe lake, cooper lake etc., this is a very beautiful place and there are tons of outdoor activities throughout the year, the wildlife is simply amazing, how many places can you walk out onto your driveway and enjoy seeing a family of migrating elks resting only a 100 yards from you in the open field where Wildwood ranch planned on putting 90 plus homes. This does not make sense.

The Kendrick station housing development was developed by a very thoughtful developer, Pine ridge partners owned by the Dewalts who were very familiar with this area, they had planned to put 7 duplex with ample of space between each one, unfortunately the housing market went down back in 2009 and they were only able to build one duplex and later sold the remaining lots, fortunately the lots remained the same size for a future developer to be able to only build one home per lot. There was minimum impact on the wildlife who called this place home, while also keeping the character of a small city. I once saw a fox in our developments and on a yearly basis, you will encounter all kind of bird species including Owls, wild Turkeys, red hawks feeding on voles in the nearby fields, deers still enjoy feeding on grass while meandering between the houses and they have no fear of the residents. Just imagine what would happen if this lot is occupied with 90 plus homes.

A project this size can only belong in a city like Seattle where space is limited and there's a big demand for housing, Cle Elum does not have a need for this type of housing project, while there is a need for low-cost housing everywhere, I doubt these homes would be sold at an affordable price. Wildwood ranch has an obligation to maximize profits for its partners, but should it be at the expense of a small town like Cle Elum? I am sure all the members of the planning commission and development have lived in this area for awhile and appreciates the small community feel and what Cle Elum has to offer, and I would like to ask all the membesr of the planning commission to think hard before granting a permit to build 90 plus home on the above proposed site. If this project is approved as is, there's no going back. I am not against building homes on this property, but I think it would best suit this area to have a lot less homes than the proposed plan.

Just remember the wildwood Ranch LLC will be gone tomorrow once this project is done, Cle Elum will be forever changed.

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