

December 15th, 2024 - Wildwood Ranch File Number: SUB-2023-003, DA-2024-001, SEPA-2024-004

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed Wildwood Ranch development and its anticipated effects on our community, particularly in relation to traffic and safety issues, the requested code revisions, and the potential impact on local wildlife, including elk and other species.

As a resident of Cle Elum (part of Kendrick Station), I have observed firsthand the importance of maintaining a safe and sustainable environment for both our community members and the wildlife that inhabits this beautiful area. The proposed development raises significant concerns about increased traffic on our roads, which would create hazardous conditions for drivers and pedestrians alike. The influx of vehicles accompanying this large-scale project would likely lead to more accidents and put our families, particularly children and elderly residents, at greater risk.

Additionally, I understand that many code revisions have been requested to facilitate the development. While growth can be beneficial, it is crucial that any changes made do not compromise the safety and quality of life of our residents. Our community's well-being depends on enforcing strict standards that protect both people and the natural environment.

The potential impacts on local wildlife cannot be overlooked. The Cle Elum area is home to diverse species, including elk, which are vital to our ecosystem and cultural identity. Habitat loss due to development can have dire consequences for these animals, disrupting migration patterns and leading to increased human-wildlife conflict. It is essential that we preserve the natural habitats and corridors that allow wildlife to thrive in our region by ensuring new development integrates with the community and its wildlife.

I urge the City of Cle Elum to consider these significant issues before moving forward with the Wildwood Ranch development. A comprehensive impact assessment that examines traffic, safety, and ecological effects is crucial for



ensuring that our community remains safe and that wildlife is adequately protected.

While development supports our town's growth, as this application stands today, this proposal must be improved and the number of dwellings reduced significantly.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. I appreciate your commitment to upholding the values of our community and safeguarding our environment for future generations.

Sincerely,

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