

From: [Albrecht, Gary](#)
To: ["Louize4"](#)
Cc: [Wiser, Sonja](#)
Subject: RE: Yacolt Mountain Quarry_1326
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2018 1:27:07 PM

Thank you Lynn,
Your comments will be included in the record for today's Planning Commission Hearing.

Gary

From: Louize4 [mailto:louize4@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Albrecht, Gary
Subject: Yacolt Mountain Quarry

Dear Gary Albrecht,

I am writing rather than attending the meeting regarding the Yacolt Quarry this evening. Please read this and consider what I feel is very important about our way of life here in proximity to the Quarry. I live at 22902 NE WH Garner road and want to discourage this expansion.

The biggest concerns are: Road Safety, Water, Structural damage to homes, and constant use of heavy gravel trucks (and doubles!) adding to the traffic and destruction of our roads.

- *Road Safety* It has become obvious that the Quarry has increased accidents, especially the tip overs of trucks last spring. There are many customers of Stordahl who must not have been given the restrictions of travel. Very often they come down Mystic Road which comes from the quarry to NE Garner Road. This is terrible because of the road down which is lined with big homes, big families and small children up and down the road. So, after the full gravel trucks make it down Mystic, they have to go wide to turn with limited visibility. It is apparent that rock customers of the quarry either don't know or don't care about this. As an example, the garbage truck knows this because residents have to put their garbage at the base of the hill for pickup. We have an increase in car traffic, bicycle clubs, school busses new drivers (lots of new drivers), and more delivery drivers than you would think that service Yacolt business. Are we a residential area or not? Our area is growing so quickly, and I hope the County seriously thinks about the dangerous combination of these gravel trucks mixing with residential traffic. You can come and sit on my front porch to see these traffic shenanigans if you would like. Or ask our Officer Gosch about this.

- *Water* In regards to water, please refer to the Columbian (Sept 21, 2011) for information on how the water table has changed and even ruined the drinkability of the mountains' residents. I do not know this for a fact, but we were told the quarry uses 5,000 gallons of water daily (there is a reservoir tank on the other side of the mountain on the river road). We recently had some trouble with our pump ~when our well guy came to fix our pump, he said there have been changes in the water supply up here. I know our neighbors below us have a dried up well and have had to drill at two more places on their property. The threat to local water systems is real. It was difficult to see permission granted to mine and now we are forced to consider more water damaging activity. I feel like we are the part of the county that has paid already for rock and can't they leave this and go elsewhere? This is more than an inconvenience to us, no more please.
- *Structural Damage* One day a couple months ago, we endured a blast that made it seem like the house was made of jello. My dishes almost fell out of the cupboards. Then there was another one. I looked at the mountain to see if it was erupting. Then I remembered we received our phone call from the quarry the night before. I have lived here since before they built the quarry and we have experienced quarry explosions for many years, but none like this one. I called Stordahl and they asked to put a seismograph in my yard, which they did, twice, but I have not heard weather they were in compliance or not. This cannot go back to the explosion I was referring to, so why does it matter unless there will be more explosions like this because of the angle they are blasting. Of course, it is because they need to mine the rock. I wonder if this has to be disclosed should we decide to sell. Sheesh. Living up here is the best, but we have learned to accept logging, construction and neighbors just being noisy county people as short term activities that are part of country life in Clark County. This quarry is not going away and should not be a constant part of our lives.
- *Traffic* Long ago, when the rock quarry was expanded across from Lewisville park, a slow lane was put in for the trucks to travel their slow speed up the incline and to allow the flow of traffic to continue at 'car' speed. There is nothing like that for these trucks to use. So, here comes someone southbound on Lewisville Hwy from Amboy at the 50 mph speed limit. Bam! Here comes a big set of doubles lumbering its way from Gabriel road onto the Highway. Recipe for disaster~can we have an extra lane up here? Doubt it, because there is no place to enlarge the road.

From a standpoint of financial gain, it seems there is a big profit to be made from building homes in this area rather than stripping the land. It is primarily a

residential area at this point, the county certainly has information on the new church and housing developments. The owners of the property could sell that land for homes and make a fine profit, and keep a resemblance of a neighborhood up there. Unless of course the noise and the water problems from the existing quarry make this an undesirable property, million dollar views of St. Helens or not. When the quarry was first built there was little resistance from the neighbors in proximity to the mine because they were all (except maybe 10 families) from the same group and would not speak up about the mining. Check out the minutes of the meeting if you would like to confirm.

When attending the meeting about the Yacolt Quarry in the past, it was an overload of anger, screwed up information and plus it was hard to get a word in. I am writing instead, but please know this expansion is a very bad idea. I have hopes that my County will protect us in the Yacolt area from another dose of this. Please refer to the aerial pictures for a look at the quarry so far. You must be very busy today, however could you let me know you have received this letter?

Thank you
Lynn Culbertson
360-686-3202

From: [Albrecht, Gary](#)
To: ["edudik@evandudik.com"](mailto:edudik@evandudik.com)
Cc: [Wiser, Sonja](#)
Subject: RE: EIS, please:0834
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2018 8:34:44 AM

Hello Mr. Dudik:

Below is a link to the Planning Commission webpage and determination of non-significance.

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/sites/default/files/dept/files/community-planning/Metz%20Blast%20for%20CPZ2018-00001%20Yacolt%20Mountain%281%29.pdf>

"Nonproject" means actions which are different or broader than a single site specific project, such as plans, policies, and programs (WAC [197-11-704](#)).

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=197-11-774>

Gary

From: edudik@evandudik.com [mailto:edudik@evandudik.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 8:06 PM
To: Albrecht, Gary
Subject: EIS, please

Hellow, Mr. Albrecht:

My name is Evan Dudik. I'll be impacted by the proposed development related to CPZ 2018-00007. I'd like to get a copy of the EIS. Can you help make that happen? PDF format would be great.

Also, I see that this is a 'non-project' action in the file. What does that mean? What are the implications?

Thanks for your time!

Evan Dudik
Tel 360-604-1818

From: [Wiser, Sonja](#)
To: [Wiser, Sonja](#)
Subject: FW: ECY SEPA 201803107 - Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion - Comments
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2018 8:21:48 AM
Attachments: [201803107 ECY Comments.pdf](#)
Importance: High

From: ECY RE SWRO SEPA COORDINATOR [<mailto:swrosepacoordinator@ECY.WA.GOV>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Albrecht, Gary; ECY RE SWRO SEPA COORDINATOR
Cc: Montague-Breakwell, Chris (ECY)
Subject: RE: ECY SEPA 201803107 - Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion - Comments
Importance: High

Hi Gary,

Please see the attached letter of Ecology's comments.

Thank you,

Morgan L. Dorner
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From: Albrecht, Gary [<mailto:Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 4:04 PM
To: ECY RE SWRO SEPA COORDINATOR <swrosepacoordinator@ECY.WA.GOV>
Cc: Montague-Breakwell, Chris (ECY) <cmon461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Subject: RE: ECY SEPA 201803107 - Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion - Comments

Morgan,
Can you correct this letter?

It is Mr. Albrecht?

Gary

From: ECY RE SWRO SEPA COORDINATOR [<mailto:swrosepacoordinator@ECY.WA.GOV>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 4:03 PM
To: Albrecht, Gary
Cc: Montague-Breakwell, Chris (ECY)

Subject: Ecy SEPA 201803107 - Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion - Comments
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Albrecht,

Attached are Ecology's comments for the Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion Project (Ecology SEPA No. 201803107). This is the original final copy. Comments are due today 8/1/18.

Please reply to this message for confirmation.

Please use the correct acronym "ECY" for the Department of Ecology (DOE is US Department of Energy).

Morgan L. Dorner

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SEPA Register: <http://ecyapsea/separ/Main/SEPA/Search.aspx>

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August 1, 2018

Gary Albrecht, Planner III
Clark County
Community Development Department
PO Box 9810
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Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion Project (CPZ2018-00001) located at Yacolt Mountain Top Quarry in Clark County as proposed by Clark County Community Planning for J.L. Storedahl and Sons, Inc. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

WATER QUALITY: Chris Montague-Breakwell (360) 407-6364

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or stormdrains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

The following construction activities require coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit:

1. Clearing, grading and/or excavation that results in the disturbance of one or more acres **and** discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and
2. Clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more **and** discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.
 - a) This includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, **and** discharge to surface waters of the State; and

3. Any size construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that Ecology:
 - a) Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
 - b) Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.

If there are known soil/ground water contaminants present on-site, additional information (including, but not limited to: temporary erosion and sediment control plans; stormwater pollution prevention plan; list of known contaminants with concentrations and depths found; a site map depicting the sample location(s); and additional studies/reports regarding contaminant(s)) will be required to be submitted.

You may apply online or obtain an application from Ecology's website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/> - [Application](#). Construction site operators must apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it on or before the date of the first public notice.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

(MLD:201803107)

cc: Chris Montague-Breakwell, WQ
J.L. Storedahl and Sons, Inc. (Applicant)

From: [Mark Rose](#)
To: [Albrecht, Gary](#)
Cc: [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)
Subject: Re: Concern about Yacolt Mountain Mining Expansion
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2018 12:08:11 PM

My apologies, this video is from another nearby quarry. Although, I hear from neighbors in Yacolt that the blasting is unnerving to them as well.

On Thu, Aug 2, 2018 at 11:58 AM, Mark Rose <mark.t.rose@gmail.com> wrote:

This video of how the Yacolt Mountain Rock Quarry blasting effects the local neighbors is alarming. It's bad enough when 200+ trucks roll past my house but it has nothing on this.

Please share at tonight's hearing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMfgnkl12NA&feature=youtu.be>

On Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 11:12 AM, Albrecht, Gary <Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Hello Mark,

Thank you for the email. We will include your comments for the record. I have included Nicole Snider in this email. The mine has some specific conditions that they are supposed to follow.

If they are not following there conditions of approval on the permit, then they might need to correct their operations to match the conditions of approval.

Please follow-up with Nicole.

Gary

From: Mark Rose [mailto:mark.t.rose@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 10:57 AM
To: Albrecht, Gary
Subject: Concern about Yacolt Mountain Mining Expansion

Gary,

I'm writing to you in hopes that the county will change its position on allowing

for the expansion of the Yacolt Mountain Mining Expansion. I live near the corner of Kelly Road and Lucia Falls Road. My driveway exits on to Kelly Road from a blind corner. I've had several near misses with the very large 8 axle 50 ton trucks. I've witnessed or seen the aftermath of three accidents, two of which the trucks ended up blowing through the stop sign and ended up down the embankment near the East Lewis River. It is very fortunate that they didn't hit any cars or pedestrians. I've also seen the results of two accidents on Lucia Falls/Rock Creek in which these trucks took out a power pole. I fear that one day my family won't be so lucky and that while exiting our driveway we will become the next crash victim of one of these run-away trucks.

6 days a week these giant trucks (up to 200 a day) proceed as if in a parade rumbling past my house causing vibrations, piercing squeaking, and loud engine noise, not to mention the diesel pollution and dust that fills my yard. Trash and bottles filled with urine thrown from these trucks line the sides of Kelly and Lucia Falls/Rock Creek Road.

While the traffic study says there would be no significant delays caused by the expansion it doesn't account for the livability and safety risks residents have to deal with each day. I'd also like to express that I don't believe the reports are representing the data accurately enough. 200+ trucks a day is a serious livability issue and causes challenges with our communities quality of life.

Please share my opposition at the August hearing. I hope that you and the county will consider the local resident's needs, their quality of life, and our livability over the needs of a single business.

Thank you for your consideration.

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To: [Mickie Miller](#)
From: [Gary Albert](#)
Subject: [2018-0001 Yacul Mountain Surface Mining Overlay Equipment Request](#)

Good morning Mickie,

Thank you for the pictures. I will include them in the public record for our upcoming Clark County Planning Commission Hearing on August 2, 2018.
It sounds like you have some concerns about current mine operators. The mine has some specific conditions that they are supposed to follow under the current permit.
If they are not following these conditions of approval on the permit, then they might need to correct their operations to match the conditions of approval.

I have included Nicole Orsler, who is the office assistant for Code Enforcement.

Mickie is the Community Development Director in charge of Code Enforcement. Oliver Opatko is the Community Planning Director. Sergio Villar is Community Planning's Program Assistant that will add your comments to the record.

Gary

From: Nicole Orsler (nicole.orsler@clark.wa.gov)
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 10:46 am
To: Mickie Miller
Subject: Re: 2018-0001 Yacul Mountain Surface Mining Overlay Equipment Request

Gary,

It's okay if you too late to attach pictures of the rock stacks.

Thanks,

Mickie Miller

From: Gary Albert



Mickie Miller
Mickie.Miller@clark.wa.gov

On Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 9:58 AM, Mickie Miller <Mickie.Miller@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Mickie Miller
Thank you for the phone call. Please reply to the email with your concerns about this request. Upon receiving your email, I will reply with a cc to our code enforcement department who could follow-up on current operational issues.

Gary

From: [Albrecht, Gary](#)
To: ["cad4um@yahoo.com"](mailto:cad4um@yahoo.com)
Cc: [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)
Subject: RE: Expanded Yacolt mining bt storedahl_0840
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2018 8:40:57 AM

Good morning Richard and Cindy:

Thank you for the comments. I will include them in the public record for our upcoming Clark County Planning Commission Hearing on August 2, 2018.

It sounds like you have some concerns about current mine operations. The mine has some specific conditions that they are supposed to follow under the current permit.

If they are not following these conditions of approval on the permit, then they might need to correct their operations to match the conditions of approval.

I have included Nicole Snider, she is the office assistant for Code Enforcement.

Mitch is the Community Development Director in charge of Code Enforcement. Oliver Orjiako is the Community Planning Director. Sonja Wiser is Community Planning's Program Assistant that will add your comments to the record.

Gary



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From: Richard and Cindy Dietel [mailto:cad4um@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 7:48 AM
To: Albrecht, Gary
Subject: Expanded Yacolt mining bt storedahl

Sir,

We are very concerned about added mining in our community. Beside the damage to ground water, the trucks have and continue to pose a huge safety issue. As well as damage to our

roads. We urge you to deny expanded mining.

Richard & Cindy Dietel

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Albrecht, Gary](#)
To: "CenturyLink Customer"
Cc: [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)
Subject: RE: Yacolt Mountain Quarry Expansion:0838
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2018 8:38:32 AM

Good morning Troy and Lisa:

Thank you for the comments. I will include them in the public record for our upcoming Clark County Planning Commission Hearing on August 2, 2018.

It sounds like you have some concerns about current mine operations. The mine has some specific conditions that they are supposed to follow under the current permit.

If they are not following these conditions of approval on the permit, then they might need to correct their operations to match the conditions of approval.

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Gary



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From: CenturyLink Customer [mailto:lisalevanen@q.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2018 10:39 PM
To: Albrecht, Gary
Subject: Yacolt Mountain Quarry Expansion

Clark County Planning Commission,

I am writing in response to the recent notice we received in the mail regarding the

proposed expansion of the Yacolt Mountain Quarry.

First, I was shocked and alarmed that an expansion would ever be considered. I live off of Kelly Road (299th St). Our peaceful setting in the country has been taken away from us as the result of the Yacolt Mountain Quarry.

I would like to share a little of what we face each and every day:

Weekday mornings starting at approximately 6:45 am the loud roar of the rock trucks radiates throughout our home combined with the obnoxious hammering of the compression release brakes, as the trucks attempt to slow down as they make their way back down the hill. This continues throughout the entire day. No longer do we have the luxury of leaving our windows open overnight for fresh air, as we are guaranteed to be awakened by these dreaded sounds.

Making a simple trip into town is a complete nightmare. Just trying to pull on onto Kelly Road presents many challenges. Due to poor visibility from 299th, we must pull our vehicles out into the roadway to even see if someone is coming up or down the hill and are usually greeted by a rock truck or three, along with a school bus or two loaded with children. Once out onto Kelly Road, we encounter another problem as we try to pull out onto Lucia Falls Road. The rock trucks are trying to make the turn up Kelly Road but are unable to do so without taking up both lanes of traffic. Due to low visibility, you are already at the bottom of the hill before you realize a truck is trying to make the turn. Aggressively they force you to reverse your vehicle so they can make the turn. At this point, there will be a backup of a couple of trucks, trying to make the turn. Once out onto Lucia Falls Road, we are greeted with the adjusted 40 MPH speed limit. I force myself to putt along at 40 MPH, my vehicle is rocked numerous times by the passing rock trucks, traveling at approximately 60 MPH, as I make my way out to Highway 503. I realize that I am gripping the steering so tightly that my knuckles are white and my palms ache. Getting out onto the Highway is another hurdle that must be crossed. You are competing for a spot on the roadway with the massive rock trucks traveling both North and South. You might think you are in for smooth sailing once you hit the highway, but no, chances are you will end up following a convoy of trucks heading South and another convey heading up North, which can exceed over 13 trucks. Finally, I've managed to make it to Battle Ground, knowing that I will have to reverse those exact steps and navigate those same hurdles for a second time in order to get home.

I would also like to point out that the roads leading up to the Rock Quarry are narrow and winding. It is incredibly alarming to me to see young school kids waiting at the end of their driveways for the school bus as the rock trucks roll by. These roads are loaded with school buses trying to safely deliver children to school but they are forced to share the road with the rock trucks. This to me is just a recipe for disaster waiting to happen!

One morning, I was following a truck loaded with gravel trying to make its way down Kelly

Hill. I watched in horror as the brakes on the truck overheated and it was forced to dump itself and the entire load of gravel it was carrying into the ditch, landing on its side. I have come upon two other accidents that were similar but the trucks actually blew through the stop sign at the bottom of the hill and crossed over both lanes of oncoming traffic, and down the river bank. Can you imagine if a loaded school bus would have met the fate of those runaway trucks? How can these trucks possibility be running on a daily basis under these conditions?

I would like to point out that since the mining started we have had two underground water lines crack, the neighbors besides us have had one, and the neighbors below us have also had two crack. How is it even possible that 5 main underground water lines would crack in such a short time frame? Is the hillside shifting? It seems only logical that this would happen as the entire mountain is being carved away with the blasting. How long will it be before the entire hillside becomes unstable enough that it slides down and floats away into the Lewis River along with all the contaminants used in the mining process.

I am fortunate enough to have PUD water but I watched as a family with small children struggled with stomach cramps and constant diarrhea while drinking well water from the Yacolt Mountain area. Eventually, their water was tested and found to be contaminated.

I would like to ask anyone that has a say in this expansion to please take a road trip out to the Yacolt area to personally see what we deal with on a daily basis. I am confident that nobody would be able to put in a yes vote towards this expansion if they truly knew what we are dealing with.

Thank you for your time,
Troy and Lisa Levanen