From:

Martha Bray <mbray1107@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, June 22, 2018 9:06 AM

To:

Hal Hart

Cc: Subject: Betsy D. Stevenson; John Cooper RE: PL-0097 Grip/Prairie Gravel Mine

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From: Martha Bray [mailto:mbray1107@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 1:09 PM

To: hhart@co.skagit.wa.us

Cc: betsyds@co.skagit.wa.us; johnc@co.skagit.wa.us **Subject:** PS: PL-0097 Grip/Prairie Gravel Mine

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Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 12:37 PM

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From:

Martha Bray < mbray1107@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, June 28, 2018 1:37 PM

To:

Hal Hart

Cc: Subject: John Cooper; Betsy D. Stevenson FW: PL-0097 Grip/Prairie Gravel Mine

Importance:

High

Mr. Hart,

Again, I would really appreciate an update regarding the status of the proposed Grip Road gravel mine before our group meets tonight. Despite several commitments from you for an update, we have heard nothing since the May 9th prehearing conference. And, no information was provided to us at that May 9 conference.

Below are some specific questions. I will try to call you later this afternoon if I don't hear back.

Thank you, Martha Bray

- 1. Based on what we heard at the pre-conference hearing on May 9, 2018, we presume there is there a settlement in the works between CNW/Miles Sand and Gravel and the County regarding the County's decision to deny their application. If this is not the case, please explain the status of the decision to deny the application, and the appeal of that decision.
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- 5. Can you please give us some sort of estimate of timing regarding the next phases of these actions.
- 6. Will a revised threshold determination still be issued as is stated on the County website?
- 7. Is the County requiring additional information and clarity regarding CNW's proposal prior to the project going to a SUP hearing and if so, what will be required?
- 8. What is the status of the third party traffic review?

From: Martha Bray [mailto:mbray1107@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 11:24 AM

To: 'Hal Hart'

Subject: RE: PL-0097 Grip/Prairie Gravel Mine

Hello again Mr. Hart,

Our group is meeting this Thursday evening. It would be very helpful to get that promised update before then.

Thank you, Martha Bray

From: Hal Hart [mailto:hhart@co.skaqit.wa.us]

Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 12:24 PM

To: 'Martha Bray'

Subject: RE: PL-0097 Grip/Prairie Gravel Mine

Thank you for contacting our office.

I will discuss this with the staff team who have been out of the office and give you a quick update today by 5 PM.

Sincerely,

Hal Hart, AICP

Director

Skagit County Planning & Development Services

1800 Continental Place Mount Vernon, WA 98273 360-416-1328 | HHart@co.skagit.wa.us



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From:

Lori Anderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 9:18 AM

To:

John Cooper

Subject:

FW: PDS Comments

From dept email... is this yours?

From: website@co.skagit.wa.us <website@co.skagit.wa.us>

Sent: Monday, July 23, 2018 10:00 AM

To: Planning & Development Services <planning@co.skagit.wa.us>

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Paula Shafransky Address: 22461 Prairie Road

City : Sedro Woolley State : Outside Canada

Zip: 98284

email: pshafransky@gmail.com

Phone: 3608561637

PermitProposal: Gravel Pit on Grip Road

Comments: I am concerned about the lack of disclosure in the most recent negotiations regarding this gravel pit proposal. It seems the public has been shut out of the planning process. I'm wondering why the planning staff is unavailable for comment. Why are the County attorneys calling all the shots? What will the public process be after the settlement is announced on Aug. 14th?

I would appreciate a response to these questions.

Thank you.

From Host Address: 172.92.224.131

Date and time received: 7/23/2018 9:56:04 AM

From:

Lori Anderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent:

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 9:31 AM

To:

John Cooper

Subject:

FW: PDS Comments

From dept email

From: website@co.skagit.wa.us <website@co.skagit.wa.us>

Sent: Sunday, July 22, 2018 3:35 PM

To: Planning & Development Services < planning@co.skagit.wa.us>

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Renee Kenady

Address: 5319 Cedar Ridge Place

City: Sedro Woolley

State: WA Zip: 98284

email: rkenady44@gmail.com

Phone: (360) 661-1272

PermitProposal: Special Use Permit Application PL16-0097

Comments: Planning Department,

It is with great frustration, concern and growing anger over the way the proposed gravel pit by Miles Sand & Gravel is being handled. The closed door approach is not a good faith effort to take care of the community. Our lives are the ones that are going to be affected by this gravel pit in a negative way. Not yours. You stand to gain revenues. Not fair.

We have raised legitimate concerns that have not been addressed by the county or Miles Sand & Gravel. Even though the denied petition states that, it doesn't seem to us that that is being stressed anymore.

An Environmental Impact Study is a perfectly reasonable thing to ask of the county and Miles Sand & Gravel.

I am contacting my senator and will also be talking to different media platforms regarding this.

We have invested are all to build a good home and neighborhood in which to live.

Please do the right thing.

Renee Kenady

From Host Address: 50.34.97.70

Date and time received: 7/22/2018 3:30:44 PM

From:

Martha Bray <mbray1107@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 30, 2018 9:53 AM

To:

Hal Hart; John Cooper

Cc:

Betsy D. Stevenson; Julie S. Nicoll

Subject:

Community Concerns about Concrete Nor'West construction activity at Grip Road

gravel mine site

Importance:

High

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From:

Paula Shafransky <pshafransky@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, July 31, 2018 7:30 AM

To:

John Cooper

Subject:

Re: Concrete Nor'west gravel mine proposal

With all due respect John this doesn't answer any of my questions.

On Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 8:02 AM, John Cooper < <u>johnc@co.skagit.wa.us</u>> wrote:

Ms. Shafransky,

Thank you for your interest in Skagit County. I am the Project Manager for Planning & Development Services on this project. The matter is currently under appeal with the Hearing Examiner. Pursuant to the attached order, a status update will be provided by the parties to the Hearing Examiner on August 14, 2018. This order is also available on the Hearing Examiner's website:

https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/OfficeOfLandUseHearings/decisions.htm

Sincerely,

John Cooper, LG, LHg

Geologist/Hydrogeologist/Natural Resource Planner

Skagit County Planning and Development Services

1800 Continental Place

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

johnc@co.skagit.wa.us

(360) 416-1334

From: Sent: To: Subject:	Martha Bray <mbray1107@gmail.com> Wednesday, August 1, 2018 9:18 AM John Cooper Re: Community Concerns about Concrete Nor'West construction activity at Grip Road gravel mine site</mbray1107@gmail.com>
Thank you John. Martha	
On Aug 1, 2018, at	7:45 AM, John Cooper < <u>johnc@co.skagit.wa.us</u> > wrote:
Ms. Bray,	
observed o Washingto	cted Concrete Nor'wests attorney, Mr. Bill Lynn, for an explanation of the recent activities onsite. Concrete Nor'west indicated that they are responding to a requirement from the on Department of Natural Resources for maintenance of the existing forest practice road ase see the email from Mr. Lynn below.
Sincerely,	
Skagit Cou 1800 Conti Mount Ver	Hydrogeologist/Natural Resource Planner Inty Planning and Development Services Inental Place Inon, WA 98273 Iskagit.wa.us
To: John C < <u>betsyds@</u>	e S. Nicoll sday, July 31, 2018 11:59 PM sooper < <u>johnc@co.skagit.wa.us</u> >; Hal Hart < <u>hhart@co.skagit.wa.us</u> >; Betsy D. Stevenson <u>Oco.skagit.wa.us</u> >; Bronlea Mishler < <u>bronleam@co.skagit.wa.us</u> > wd: Community Concerns about Concrete Nor'West construction activity at Grip Road gravel
FYI. John-	can u please forward this response to Martha and copy everyone on this email?
Thanks,	
Julie	
Begin forw	varded message:

From: "Lynn, Bill" < BLynn@gth-law.com>
Date: July 30, 2018 at 2:52:48 PM PDT
To: "Julie S. Nicoll" < julien@co.skagit.wa.us>

Subject: RE: Community Concerns about Concrete Nor'West construction activity at

Grip Road gravel mine site

Thank you for the email-I contacted the owners and am happy to have a chance to respond. As I expected, the only work that has occurred is maintenance activity under the existing Forest Practice Permit (FPP). Actually, CNW holds two FPPs for the Grip Road property. CNW is not operating the mine or developing the mine site. The FPP allows maintenance of roads and CNW has made that right clear throughout the process. The work underway is normal road maintenance—grading to re-establish the width and shape of the road for drainage and travel purposes, reshaping and cleaning the ditches, and resurfacing with gravel. Some of the needed work was identified by the DNR representative in a site visit; all is permissible as a standard forest practice. We would be happy to discuss at your convenience.

From: Julie S. Nicoll [mailto:julien@co.skagit.wa.us]

Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 1:22 PM

To: Lynn, Bill

Subject: FW: Community Concerns about Concrete Nor'West construction activity at

Grip Road gravel mine site

Importance: High

Bill,

FYI. Can you please look into this?

Thanks,

Julie

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Skagit County Civil Division — Planning & Development Services (360) 416-1638

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Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 9:53 AM

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<julien@co.skagit.wa.us>

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From:

John Day <jday0730@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, August 12, 2018 3:03 PM

To:

John Cooper

Cc:

Hal Hart; Julie S. Nicoll

Subject:

Road work by Miles Sand and Gravel on Grip Road property, ref. PL16-0097 and

PL18-0200

Mr. Cooper,

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John Day 6268 Erwin Ln Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 360-856-0644 (H) 360-854-8415 (M) Jday0730@gmail.com



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From:

Gresham, Doug (ECY) < DGRE461@ECY.WA.GOV>

Sent:

Monday, August 20, 2018 8:48 AM

To:

John Cooper

Subject:

Gravel mine on Grip Road

John,

I wonder if you could provide an update on Concrete NorWest expansion of a gravel mine on Grip Road? I just received a complaint call from someone with the "Central Samish Valley Neighbors" group about road improvements to the haul road. Supposedly the DNR forest practices permit allows road improvements separate from the gravel mine expansion. Do you know what is allowed because I assume the gravel mine is tied up in appeal? Thanks.

Doug Gresham, Wetland Specialist Washington State Department of Ecology 3190 - 160th Ave. SE Bellevue, WA 98008 Phone: (425) 649-7199

Email: Doug.Gresham@ecy.wa.gov

From:

Martha Bray < mbray1107@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 4:22 PM

To:

Hal Hart

Cc:

John Cooper; Betsy D. Stevenson

Subject:

requesting meeting with planning staff regarding PL-160097)/ Grip Road Gravel Mine

Dear Mr. Hart,

This is to follow up on my phone message yesterday. Again, we respectfully request an in-person meeting with you and planning staff who are involved in reviewing the application from Miles Sand and Gravel for a mining special use permit (PL-160097).

The community continues to have many questions and concerns about this proposed project, and we have not received any information or update on the status of this application and the settlement in more than 3 months, even though we have repeatedly asked for an in-person meeting and sent inquiries by email.

We have no idea what happens after the settlement agreement is announced in September. The public deserves to understand what the process will be like moving forward. It is past time for planning department staff to respond to community members.

Please let me know some times that would work for you and staff. I would expect perhaps 4 to 6 members of the community to attend. We would not bring legal counsel. We simply would like to get some questions answered and have some confidence that planning dept staff are listening to our concerns.

In addition, we would appreciate it if the link on the public website would be updated with more recent comments and communications that you have received from the public. It has not been updated since June 1st. And there is no information on the site regarding the settlement discussions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you, Martha Bray

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Sent:

Thursday, August 30, 2018 3:20 PM

To:

John Cooper

Subject:

FW: PDS Comments

From dept email

From: website@co.skagit.wa.us <website@co.skagit.wa.us>

Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2018 3:15 PM

To: Planning & Development Services <planning@co.skagit.wa.us>

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: JOHN W DAY Address: 6368 ERWIN RD City: SEDRO WOOLLEY

State: WA Zip: 98284

email: jday0730@gmail.com

Phone: 3608560644

PermitProposal: PL16-0097, PL18-0200

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From Host Address: 50.34.100.230

Date and time received: 8/12/2018 3:12:55 PM

From: Lori Anderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services

Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 3:31 PM

To: John Cooper

Subject: FW: PDS Comments

From dept email

From: website@co.skagit.wa.us <website@co.skagit.wa.us>

Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 6:25 AM

To: Planning & Development Services <planning@co.skagit.wa.us>

Subject: PDS Comments

Name: Andrea Garcia Address: 22199 Grip RD City: Sedro Woolley

State: WA Zip: 98284

email: garcia4@wavecable.com

Phone: 3609821715

PermitProposal: Miles Sand and Gravel PL 18-0200

Comments: Once again big business is at it again and my county is letting them get away with it. Miles Sand and Gravel has been given the green light by Skagit County to do whatever the heck they want without any public meetings. Miles has been hauling in tons of material to make haul road improvements. Hmmm, I thought the road to destruction was ready to go? This information is based on what Miles said months ago. What about environmental studies? What about traffic studies? Has anyone from the county ever driven on Grip Road? Is the county prepared to answer questions after the first double trailer fatality at one of the hairpin turns or a child riding his/her bike to the creek is killed by a Miles truck? How about the proposed operating hours? Do you want them hauling gravel up and down your street 18 hours a day?

It's time there is a public hearing and all the backroom deals stop. We are not a bunch of "stupid country folk" living on a country road. Now is the time the county open this up to the public.

Andrea Garcia

From Host Address: 172.92.234.197

Date and time received: 8/21/2018 6:20:50 AM

From:

Martha Bray <mbray1107@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 12:26 PM

To:

Hal Hart; Betsy D. Stevenson

Cc:

John Cooper

Subject:

RE: Concrete Nor'West Update

Hello Hal.

It is discouraging not to have any new information, and to not have an opportunity to meet with planning staff, especially in light of the work that CNW has done in the last several months to their road system.

At a minimum, it seems appropriate for the County to update the website link to the gravel mine proposal documents to explain the current state of the application and appeal, and to update the letters and comments that have been received. Again, as I have pointed out several times, this site has not been updated since the beginning of June, and contains no information about the appeal.

Thank you, Martha

From: Hal Hart [mailto:hhart@co.skagit.wa.us]
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 6:16 PM
To: 'Martha Bray'; Betsy D. Stevenson
Subject: Concrete Nor'West Update

Hi Martha,

Thanks for your email. I have been on vacation.

Per the attached e-mail from the Hearing Examiner's Office, the County will provide an update on or before September 17th regarding the status of the settlement.

We anticipate the next steps will be Concrete Nor'West's submittal of updated application materials, which will be available for review and public comment upon receipt. To date, the County has not received any updated materials from Concrete Nor'West. We are happy to meet after updated application materials are received and reviewed by the Department.

Sincerely,

Hal Hart, AICP

Director

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From:

Travis Huisman <travis@flexureaccounting.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 6, 2018 8:12 AM

To:

John Cooper

Subject:

Miles Sand & Gravel proposed project on Grip Road

Good morning John,

My name is Travis Huisman. I am a property owner on Grip Road. I am writing for two reasons.

First, I am not clear what the current status is regarding the project. I see that there was a denial of the project, but I understand it is in appeals? Can I please be added to the notification list?

Second, I have been walking on that gravel road for the better part of 10 years. It was my understanding the property classification allowed public access as long as it was not motorized. Can you confirm for me the classification of the property and if that is accurate? I was contacted today by a very nice gentleman from Miles who suggested I was not supposed to be on the property and I would like to clarify this technically.

Thank you,

Travis Huisman 22718 Grip Road 360.856.6137