

Skagit County Planning and Development Services,

April 17, 2017

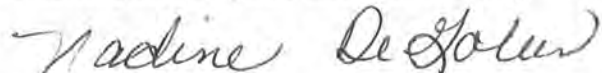
I am writing to request that an Environmental Impact Statement be required for Concrete Nor'west for their planned sand and gravel pit near Prairie Road and Grip Road. Their permit application number (Special Use Permit Application PL16-0097).

I am Nadine M. DeGolier, 32620 – 80<sup>th</sup> Drive NW, Stanwood, WA 98292. I own property in Skagit County, Parcel # P 130919. My father, Elmer S. Wolf bought this property in 1948 and it has been in our family for 69 years. We border the Concrete Nor'west property and are downhill from them. I am very concerned about having a noisy gravel pit uphill from my property. I request that the Concrete Nor'west Environmental Impact Statement include a clear review of the following areas:

1. Road safety and damage to road infrastructure
2. Noise pollution and visual blight
3. Decline in property values and quality of life
4. Habitat degradation and impacts of wildlife
5. Groundwater, well-water and storm-water concerns

My father, Elmer S. Wolf farmed this property for 50 years and then he passed his 65 acres down to me and my brother and sister. We each own 20 acres and a 5 acre easement into the property. We each have plans to build on our property and pass the land on to our children. Our property is not "throw away" property that no one cares about. A large company should not be allowed to put a gravel pit right beside us and destroy the value of our property.

Thank you for your consideration,



Nadine DeGolier  
32620 – 80<sup>th</sup> Drive NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292

## John Cooper

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**From:** PDS comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:16 AM  
**To:** John Cooper  
**Subject:** FW: SUPA PL16-0097 Gravel Mine on the Samish River

**From:** [normfranwasson@gmail.com](mailto:normfranwasson@gmail.com) [<mailto:normfranwasson@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:55 AM  
**To:** PDS comments  
**Subject:** RE: SUPA PL16-0097 Gravel Mine on the Samish River

It is extremely frustrating that you are not requiring Concrete Nor'west and Miles Gravel to provide an Environmental Impact Statement pertaining to the proposed gravel mine, SUPA PL16-0097, on the Samish River. I am neighbor, and owner of property that has been several generations in our family, downstream of this proposed pit and have some grave concerns about the safety of this mine. Here are some of my concerns.

As the depth of the mine will go below the surface of the Samish river how will that affect the water quality of our wells in the valley?

As the depth of the mine will exceed 90 feet and the mine is within 200 – 300 feet of the river can you guarantee that another disaster, like the slide at Oso, will not happen?

As for the terrible beating and wear on our road system from all of these extremely heavy trucks and trailers destroying the road surface, why will it be our, the property owners, responsibility to pay for road repair through our taxes?

As for the narrow, winding, no shoulder nature of Grip road and the blind intersection of Prairie road how will traffic safety be ensured?

What will be done to mitigate the decline of our property value by turning our quiet community into an industrial zone?

How will you justify the ongoing noise and air pollution produced by this pit?

What will be done to protect the wildlife in this area and the environment of Swede creek that flows into the Samish river that is designated a Salmon Bearing Stream?

Is your department in the business of *fast tracking* permits for big companies at the expense of the local landowners? If so, you should be ashamed.

If I do anything on my property I have to apply for more permits than you have required for this commercial operation.

Thank you for your time.

Norman Wasson  
20836 Prairie Rd.  
Sedro Wooley, Wa 98284  
(360)724-5054

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## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

Name : Kristi Gorne  
Address : 4840 Wildlife Acres Ln  
City : Sedro Woolley  
State : WA  
Zip : 98284  
email : [kristi@nordictempcontrol.com](mailto:kristi@nordictempcontrol.com)  
Phone : 6068738163  
PermitProposal : PL16-0097

Comments : Please require NorWest Concrete to do an Environmental Impact Statement before allowing this gravel pit the go ahead.

I am concerned about our quality of life in that area, especially the roadways. The roadways are not the safest right now and after adding all of the long trucks it will be very unsafe. I used to drive a semi truck across country and I know that these trucks will tear up the roadways and make driving along Prairie Road very unsafe.

I am also concerned with the Samish River. Our property does not even set adjacent to the river but we had to go through some type of study and we also have to have our drain field inspected yearly. I do not understand why we are not worried about a gravel pit's impact on our river and creeks int he area when you are so concerned with how many dogs I run on our property.

I am very worried about the wildlife in our area too.

Please reconsider this and make sure that every area is covered before considering a gravel pit off of Grip Road.

From Host Address: 173.160.156.161

Date and time received: 4/19/2017 10:50:48 AM

## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 9:45 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

Name : Kathleen Grimbly  
Address : 4658 Blank rd  
City : Sedro Woolley  
State : WA  
Zip : 98284  
email : [bluemoonexplore@gmail.com](mailto:bluemoonexplore@gmail.com)  
Phone : 3608565622

PermitProposal : SUPA PL16-0097 Gravel mine

Comments : The scope, location and nature of this application deserves a full EIS. Unconsolidated glacial till of the entire area will be profoundly affected by deforestation, subsequent water percolation and destabilization. Bald Eagle populations using the river in winter may be night roosting here. The environmental assessments were conducted in March and July, when the eagles are not present. The Samish River supports all five species of salmonids and the federally listed Steelhead trout. Impacts to water quality, in the next 25 years and particularly for future generations need be considered. Finally, this property would make an excellent park in an under-served area. (Were it not for Squires Lake, there would be no substantial recreational trails in at least a 10 mile radius) Historic railroad beds offer potential for a beautiful trail system. And finally, finally, gravel trucks on this road system are a dangerous idea as the roads stand, and a dangerous idea with extensive, expensive modifications (at whose expense??) Improvements to facilitate the trucks would also support higher speed traffic through rural neighborhoods, where children ride bikes, horses, and everyone walks, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO PARKS OR TRAILS WHERE ONE CAN. A dangerous idea. Thank you for your consideration,

From Host Address: 24.113.226.6

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Address : 4658 Blank rd

City : Sedro Woolley

State : WA

Zip : 98284

email : [bluemoonexplore@gmail.com](mailto:bluemoonexplore@gmail.com)

Phone : 3608565622

PermitProposal : SUPA PL16-0097 Gravel mine

Comments : Amendment re 10 mile radius statement: the Cascade trail and Alger mountain (slated to be clearcut) are recreational trail alternatives in a 5-7 mile radius

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

Name : Crystal Scheer  
Address : 4868 Blank Rd  
City : Sedro Woolley  
State : W  
Zip : 98284  
email : [crystalscheer@gmail.com](mailto:crystalscheer@gmail.com)  
Phone : (360)630-5025  
PermitProposal : PL16-0097

Comments : An environmental impact statement should most definitely be required for this proposed gravel mine for several very important reasons: road safety and damage to road infrastructure  
noise pollution and visual blight  
decline in property values and quality of life  
habitat degradation and impacts on wildlife  
groundwater, well-water and storm-water concerns

From Host Address: 50.35.48.169

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## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 8:40 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

Name : Christy Jo Murdock  
Address : 22081 Grip Road  
City : Sedro - Woolley  
State : WA  
Zip : 98284  
email : [murdock@wavecable.com](mailto:murdock@wavecable.com)  
Phone : 360-854-0124  
PermitProposal : PL16-0097  
Comments : Attn: Mr. John Cooper.

I am writing in concern to the proposed use of the gravel pit on Grip Road. My family and I have lived roughly 1 mile from the pit for 21 years. This is a very well used road for bicyclists, runners and walkers. During the spring and summer months this is a very popular area for bicyclists. There are several severe corners that require much caution for even normal sized vehicles. My question would be how will we assure that nobody is hurt with these large trucks on the road and the increased traffic? How in the world are these large trucks going to be able to stay in their lane on the sharp corners when most cars have a hard time doing so? These trucks will have to maneuver around mothers with strollers, teens that I see routinely run on these roads, folks that have been walking and picking up garbage for years, etc... I ask that you require an Environmental Impact Statement before issuing any permits. Thanks so much, Christy Murdock

From Host Address: 172.92.203.64

Date and time received: 4/19/2017 8:39:45 AM

April 21, 2017

To: Skagit Co. Planning Dept  
Planner John Cooper 360-416-1320  
RE: Miles sand gravel & mining, Lisa Inc.  
Owners Jim & Lisa Kittilsby  
TROS FILE # PL16-0097 & PL16-0098 Mine 330'  
Samish 20' elevation

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I called your office in late Jan. 2017 to gather information on PL16-0097 (see above) You stated things were going well in the process moving forward. When I asked you what Sk. Co. Health Dept. had to say about the gravel pit in so close a proximity to the Samish River? You said "they had no comment, so probably had no concerns on the issue." I was astounded by that as I live in the (Samish Low Flow Area) owners of property within 1 mile have lived with great scrutiny over many years over what may filter into the Samish Water way. I learn within the next month the only POLLUTANT OF CONCERN is the Presence of fecal matter.

What about Chemical Toxins?  
This proposed gravel mine is skirted by the Samish River (or more accurately borders it in a large way. GAS? ANTIFREEZE? DIESEL? OIL? CARBON?  
I am requesting a full & complete EIS report on these FILE #S above.

Thank you Kathy Christy





# EVERGREEN ISLANDS

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

To: John Cooper  
johnc@co.skagit.wa.us  
Senior Planner  
Skagit County Planning and Development Services.  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

CC: Evergreen Islands Board of Directors

Re: Concrete Nor'west Gravel Operation near Grip Road.  
Permit PL 16-0097

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Dear Mr. Cooper,

The proposed gravel mine is a large project that will have impacts well beyond the site and its immediate neighbors.

It is our understanding that the initial SEPA process was defective and that the application process is in review.

Our concern is with the health of the salmon in the Samish River.

How will the gravel mine impact the salmon runs? Will there be pollution to water flowing through the Samish River?

To answer these questions we ask for an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) to be included in the application process.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wim Houppermans', written over a horizontal line.

Wim Houppermans  
Director, Evergreen Islands

May 2, 2017

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**RE: PL 16-0097 Miles Sand and Gravel proposed gravel mine near Samish River**

Dear Mr. Cooper,

I am writing again about the Concrete Nor'West / Miles Sand and Gravel proposal to develop a gravel mine near Grip and Prairie Roads and the Samish River. I am concerned not only about the proposal itself, but also the County's approach to evaluating it, and the lack of true engagement with the community over our very legitimate concerns. I appreciate that the County has required the applicant to provide more complete and consistent information. However, your March 14, 2017 letter to the applicant did not address some key issues. In addition, by just asking for a few items to be updated, I think it's likely that the 'new' application will look a whole lot like the old one, with yet another even more confusing layer added onto the original flawed version. This review process needs to be started over with a comprehensive evaluation of all of the potential impacts. It is obvious that the impacts will be significant. The different mitigation options need to be evaluated in enough detail for the County and the community to understand the real implications of this project, and the best path forward. The only way this can be done in a thorough and transparent way is to require a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Briefly, the issues not fully addressed in the March 14 letter include:

- 1) Traffic and Roads – why is this key issue still being evaluated in-house by Public Works instead of requiring the applicant to conduct a Traffic Impact Analysis as required by the County's Road Standards? Without a real study and written report by a qualified consultant, there is no way for us to access and evaluate the information, or to understand how our concerns are being addressed. The community is increasingly frustrated about this. We feel that we are being kept in the dark and our safety concerns are not being taken seriously.
- 2) Noise and Vibration – paragraph 2 of your letter implies that by limiting hours of operations and number of truck trips to 46/day, that noise, vibration and a host of other concerns will be adequately addressed. This is not the case. Much more needs to be done to mitigate noise impacts, especially from on-site operations.
- 3) Private Haul Road – your March 14 letter seems to offer the possibility that if the two-mile long private haul road is not be 'improved' near Critical Areas, that somehow the road would not have to be subject to environmental review. First, it is absurd to think that the haul road will not be 'improved' over the 25 year life of the mine with the volume of truck traffic planned.

## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:45 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

Name : Timothy P. Merriman  
Address : 4214 State Route 9  
City : Sedro Woolley  
State : WA  
Zip : 98284  
email : [timothy.p.merriman@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.p.merriman@gmail.com)  
Phone : (360) 399-1750

PermitProposal : Permit Application PL16-0097 - Concrete Nor'west Gravel Operation

Comments : I've watched Concrete Nor'west's use of State Route 9 when they are shuttling materials and in 30 minutes I have seen trucks going both north and south pass by my house. Sometimes they crossed paths in front of my house or passed in front of my house in rapid succession. My estimation is that they had at least three trucks working the shuttle all day long for many days. State Route 9 is designed to handle heavy trucks and we're used to them but Concrete Nor'west very noticeably increased the heavy truck use from normal.

Prairie Road residents and the residents on the other area side roads that Concrete Nor'west can use from the mine seldom see a heavy truck (usually a mover's truck for a new resident) and certainly nothing like Concrete Nor'west can generate. Two of their trucks can cross each other's paths on SR 9 without either truck resorting to the shoulder of the road but is that true of the side roads?

What is to become of a farm tractor, a school bus, a walker or a bike rider when they have a Concrete Nor'west truck bearing down on them from one or both directions in some parts of Prairie Road at 50 MPH. I suspect that walker or bike rider will try to get off the road even if that means resorting to a ditch. I have to do that even on SR 9 for cars. Check SR 9's shoulders near my house and you'll see that even there heavy trucks have left tire tracks in the dirt on the shoulders within an inch of the ditch..

If the trucks head east from the mine on Prairie Road they will not be able to get under the railroad bridge and will have to use Samish Heights Road to get around the bridge to SR 9. Samish Heights Road is more of a low traffic road than the others.

Please consider the above in the permitting process.

I think they should be limited to one truck at a time between old Hwy 99 and SR 9 to minimize the impact that Concrete Nor'west will have.

From Host Address: 24.113.228.154

Date and time received: 5/2/2017 8:42:12 AM

## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

Name : Linda & Robert Walsh  
Address : 21710 Prairie Road  
City : Sedro Woolley  
State : WA  
Zip : 98284  
email : [walsh12006@hotmail.com](mailto:walsh12006@hotmail.com)  
Phone : 360 708 7736  
PermitProposal : PL#16-0097 Special Use Permit Application  
Comments : Linda & Robert Walsh  
21710 Prairie Road  
Sedro Woolley WA 98284  
Owners of adjacent property

This project can have significant impacts to our environment. It is well documented, the mining industry is known to have negative impacts and this project is no exception. Therefore, complete and thorough studies, evaluations and analysis should be required. To extract the gravel the process will require stripping all top soil, all vegetation and all timber on 51 of the 68 acres. Then digging a hole to a depth of 50 to 90 feet deep (approximately 52 football fields side by side) within 100 feet of adjacent properties and within 200 feet of the Samish River. 51 acres is approximately 75% of the 68 acres which is currently habitat to many large and small animals and birds. They want to transport the product in Dump Trucks with trailers, many which can weigh 105,500 GVW, on a public road system which is currently inadequate for them to do so safely. The County should require the applicant to do a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to ensure this 68 acre 25 year project is thoroughly evaluated. It is not uncommon to require an EIS when a new mining operation is proposed, in fact the applicant was required to do an EIS for another Skagit County project. According to WAC 197-11-330 for threshold determination, an EIS is required for proposals and other major actions significantly affecting the quality of the environment. This project falls within this code.

All environmental factors should be studied --not only on the proposed mined parcels but also on their entire private haul road and the public roads they will use as a haul route. These should be detailed studies which at minimum should evaluate and analyze the effects this long term proposal will have on Traffic safety, Road improvements needed, Noise pollution on neighboring properties from operating heavy equipment operations at excavation site, Air quality concerns, Noise pollution of trucks with trailers transporting material, Buffer zones, Erosion, Water quality, all Wetlands, Samish River & Swede Creek, Fish & Wildlife habitats, Visual impacts, Road repairs and Long term impacts to quality of rural life and Property values.

The potential adverse effects of this industrial Mine on our Community are Not reversible and therefore all the environmental factors should be thoroughly evaluated. We were here long before the MRO was placed on these parcels. We are depending on the County to require adequate information in order to ensure our safety and well-being. Since this is not a short term industrial site project but will have ongoing industrial activities for 25 years or more I would consider it a permanent change to our environment. This is a decision that Not only affects all of us but our future generations as well and an EIS should be required.

Sincerely,  
Linda & Robert Walsh

## John Cooper

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**From:** abbe@abberolnick.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 06, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** John Cooper  
**Cc:** commissioners@co.skagit.wa.us; Planning & Development Services; atsi@fidalgo.net; pw@co.skagitwa.us  
**Subject:** Proposed Gravel Pit Grip Road

6 May 2017

RE: PL 16-0097 Miles Sand and Gravel proposed Grip Road gravel mine.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

We request when a revised SEPA determination is made for the above referenced proposed project, the applicant be required to complete a full Environmental Impact Statement. As we have stated in our previous comments to you, we are not opposed to the extraction of gravel from this proposed mine. However, the impacts the proposed gravel mine will have on the environment will be significant. These impacts were not considered in the original application. The original application lacks a thorough and professional analysis of the extraction and transport process, any externalities, and all of its environmental impacts.

A brief summary of our concerns and rationale are as follows:

1. The impacts to the county roads have not been adequately addressed and said roads are not currently up to Skagit County standards. With the added large truck traffic and number of trips, because the roads are currently inadequate, we recommend a Level II TIA (Traffic Impact Analysis) be prepared for Grip Road, Prairie Road, F and S Grade, and all feeder roads or haul routes the gravel trucks are likely to use.
2. The impacts to the private haul road on the parcel will require either improvements or widening. All impacts to the environment, such as wetlands and Swede Creek require identification and assessment.
3. The likelihood of "project creep" will occur. The applicant needs to divulge additional areas of the entire property that are likely to be mined, now and in the future.
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5. External effects of noise and vibration to the neighbors has not been addressed.
6. Loss of land value due to increased truck traffic, noise and dust was not addressed in the previous application. The applicant needs to determine how the proposed project will affect our property not only physically but the market value as well.
7. We understand the property has a Mineral Resource Overlay, therefore the proposed project is an allowed use, however the applicant is required by law to mitigate for all environmental impacts.

It is the Skagit County Planning Departments job to ensure all code requirements are followed and addressed. This is not the job of the concerned neighbors. An EIS would allow the public to be

involved in the application process prior to the project going to a hearing. Our concerns involve the safety of the community, health of the environment and the sustainability of the infrastructure of our roads. The proposed mine changes dramatically the use of these roads. Because none of the above issues were studied and addressed, and due to the significant nature of the project scope, an EIS is necessary to adequately determine the effects the project will have on our environment.

Respectfully,

Abbe Rolnick and Jim Wiggins  
21993 Grip Road  
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Cc: Commissioner Janiki  
Commissioner Wesen  
Commissioner Dahlsedt  
Planning Director Pernula  
Public Works Director Berentson

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Abbe Rolnick and Jim Wiggins  
21993 Grip Road  
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

Cc: Commissioner Janiki  
Commissioner Wesen  
Commissioner Dahlsedt  
Planning Director Pernula  
Public Works Director Berentson



## John Cooper

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**From:** Skagit County Public Works  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 6:39 AM  
**To:** John Cooper  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Gravel Pit Grip Road

God morning~

Would you be the Mr. Cooper to which they are referring?

Have a funny, sunny day! ☺

*Cheri Renfro*

Skagit County Public Works  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

360-416-1454

The only people with whom you should try to get even  
are those who have helped you.....John Southard

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## John Cooper

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**From:** Lori Anderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** John Cooper  
**Subject:** FW: PDS Comments

From dept email

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:55 PM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

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PermitProposal : Special Use Permit Application PL16-0097

Comments : This proposal for a gravel mine that will result in gravel truck/trailer combinations traveling the narrow county roads between the gravel mine and Old Hwy 99 N will have multiple disruptive impacts upon the natural and human environments. These impacts are so significant that a full EIS must be required in this case. Please require this EIS so that we can fully understand the impacts in order to make a decision regarding granting the special use permit. In my opinion the roads over which these trucks must travel are inadequate for this type and volume of traffic and this permit should not be granted.

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## John Cooper

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**From:** Lori Anderson on behalf of Planning & Development Services  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** John Cooper  
**Subject:** FW: Feedback Submission

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Cc:** Commissioners  
**Subject:** FW: Feedback Submission

**From:** [feedback@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:feedback@co.skagit.wa.us) [<mailto:feedback@co.skagit.wa.us>]  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 06, 2017 11:05 AM  
**To:** website  
**Subject:** Feedback Submission

Department : None  
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Other : I believe that a complete environmental Impact Statement study be done on the complete gravel mine on Grip Road to include the roads that will be used to haul the gravel. This is to include all roads to Highway 9.  
Thank you

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## John Cooper

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**From:** PDS comments  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:22 PM  
**To:** John Cooper  
**Subject:** FW: Permit application PL16-0097

**From:** Christine Hunter [<mailto:hunterchrism@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** PDS comments  
**Subject:** Permit application PL16-0097

my name is Christine M Hunter  
I reside at 23490 Mosier Road  
Sedro-Woolley WA 98284

I am writing about Special use Permit Application PL16-0097

I would like the county to require a full Environmental impact Statement for the proposed Grip Road Gravel mine.. I would also like Miles sand and Gravel to disclose their long term plans for the property. My concerns include but not limited to. Safety for car, walkers and bikers along their route to and from the mine, noise I can already hear Skagit Speedway when they are racing, Water Quality for the Samish bay watershed and quality and quantity of well water.

There are just too many questions that are unanswered.

Christine M Hunter  
360-610-1539

## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:35 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

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PermitProposal : PL16-0097

Comments : I am writing to express my concerns regarding permitting the extraction and transportation of gravel from property on Grip Road by Concrete Nor'West.

There are so many community concerns and environmental considerations that I believe a full EIS is warranted. This definitely is not a permit that should ever be deemed "DIS" under SEPA.

The full evaluation and staff report needs to include;

1. The history of the property in ownership by Lisa LLC. How long has it been in a mineral resource designation? What was the process to determine the appropriateness of this designation in this area?
2. The value of the land and the taxes that are paid on this property.
3. What is the degree of harm the County will accept for the residents of this area, in exchange for allowing this mining to go forward.
4. How much tax revenue will this project generate over the course of a year, and the life of this mine. Will it cover the necessary road repairs, bridge repairs and gravel clean-up?
5. Grip Road is not a straight or flat road. The curves that are immediately present as one leaves the driveway of the proposed mine heading to Prairie Rd are sharp and blind. There are 3 main curves, and sight distance and visibility are limited. There are no sidewalks or extra shoulder area for bikes or pedestrians. Is this a takings issue, as Lisa LLC will then be dominating this public space with private large vehicles (tandem trailers) excluding the safe passage for all other users, including private cars and trucks.
6. The Skagit river is a salmon bearing waterway and as such can suffer "No Net Loss". The sand that will create silt in the river is unavoidable. Wind, rain, and other natural processes exacerbated by human activity will carry sand, gravel and dirt particles of all sizes down the banks to the river bed, excluding areas for salmon eggs and oxygen that is essential for all aquatic life.
7. Noise of blasting and the trucks that carry the gravel must be quantified in the EIS and effects on the residents of the road they plan to traverse to get to their main quarry on Hwy 99.

I am assuming the County Government exists to protect the health and safety of the residents of Skagit County. I also will assume the Planning and Development Dept. does not have a mission to permit all Development Applications to the detriment of current and future residents.

Therefore, I will offer some mitigations if this mine is allowed to proceed.

1. The gravel trucks must be limited to truck only, no following tongued trailers.
2. The trucks must be limited to one on Grip and Prairie Roads at any one time, this will prevent the passing of 2 large vehicles which would create a very dangerous situation for all other users of this roadway.

3. The time of transport must be limited to daylight hours and should never occur after 8pm at the latest.
4. The permit must include a fund to repair the windshields of the people who travel these roads, as sand and rogue rocks are a hazard. The multiple pock marks create glare in sunlight which creates lowered viability for drivers, especially in the evening sunlight. Also overt cracks and road chips must be paid for and repaired through a fund financed by Lisa LLC/Concrete Nor'West.
5. If a fatal accident ever occurs due to the presence and movement of a gravel truck, the permit must be immediately rescinded.
6. A pedestrian/bike lane or sidewalk must be created on the Grip road hill at the expense of the Applicant, for safety and to make sure that public spaces are not commandeered by Private interests.

This project may be necessary, it may make sense to officials and business people alike, it is just simply put, in the very wrong place to be safe and in the best interests of the people who call Skagit county home.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration when evaluating this proposal.

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## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 4:20 PM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

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PermitProposal : PL16-0097

Comments : I am a student at Burlington Edison High. Every day I take the bus to and from school. On the way home, the bus goes down Prairie Road, along the section where it intersects with Grip Road. Last week, the bus was on that curve on Prairie, near the Grip intersection. A gravel truck was coming down the road in the opposite direction. This truck was a bit over the line, into our lane, and it nearly hit the schoolbus. The bus driver had to swerve and go as far out on to the shoulder as she could. If the gravel truck had been even a little bit further over the line, the bus driver would have had nowhere to go, and the the bus would have been hit.

I am concerned about the safety of children on school buses, if the gravel pit permit is accepted. I hope a through study can be done about school bus interactions with gravel trucks on this section of the road.

Savannah Yates

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## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Planning & Development Services  
**Subject:** PDS Comments

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PermitProposal : P116-0097

Comments : Need for environmental impact study to address habitat degradation, groundwater concerns, and need information regarding company long term goals.

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## John Cooper

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**From:** website  
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Phone : 3604444803  
PermitProposal : PL16-0097

Comments : A full and complete EIS is needed to understand the full impact of a gravel mine in our neighborhood. I rent work space in the area and am concerned about increased traffic, noise and damage to roads

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