

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The first two hearing dates (August) will be hybrid meetings, meaning in-person and virtual. THE SEPTEMBER HEARING DATES WILL BE VIRTUAL ONLY. To participate in the public hearing virtually you can call 1 (323) 553-1010 Phone Conference ID 114451280# or to join via video please visit <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/OfficeofLandUsehearings/main.htm>. If you are having issues connecting to the hearing, please call (360) 416-1156 or (360) 416-1154.

Notice is hereby given that the Skagit County Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing on Friday, August 26, 2022 (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM) in the Skagit County Board of Commissioners Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 92373.

The next hearing date is scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2022 (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM), at the City Sedro-Woolley Municipal Building Council Chambers located at 325 Metcalf Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284.

The remaining hearing dates will all be held virtually only as follows: Friday September 2nd, Thursday September 8th, Friday September 9th, and if needed, Tuesday September 13th. All September dates will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, as needed.

For the purpose of determining the following:

- A. Special Use Permit application #PL16-0097 and Forest Practice Conversion application #PL16-0098**, submitted by Concrete Nor'West/Miles Sand & Gravel, to permit a proposed gravel mine/quarry on the subject property. The proposed gravel mine would remove approximately 4,280,000 cubic yards of gravel from three parcels (P125644, P125645, & P50155) over a period of approximately 25 years. The three parcels total approximately 77 acres, of which 68 acres will be cleared, however, the mining will occur on approximately 51 acres of the 68-acre cleared area. To facilitate the proposed mining/quarry operation onsite, the applicant proposes to harvest approximately 50,000 board feet of timber on 68 acres, remove the stumps, and convert the parcels for the gravel mining. The proposed properties subject to the mining operation are located approximately 1.5 miles north of Grip Road and south/southwest of the Samish River, accessed from Grip Road on an existing private gravel haul road located approximately 0.70 miles east of the Prairie Road/Grip Road intersection, within a portion of the Southeast Quarter of Section 27; Township 36 North; Range 04 East; W.M. within unincorporated Skagit County, Washington. The subject properties lie within in the **Rural Resource-Natural Resource Lands (RRc-NRL) Zoning District** of unincorporated Skagit County with a **Mineral Resource Overlay (MRO)** designation. (Proposed Mine/Quarry: P125644, P125645, & P50155. Haul Road: P125646, P125647, P125626, P125627, P125628, P125629, P125630, P125631, P125623, P125624, P125632, P125633, & P35704) **Staff contact:** Kevin Cricchio, Senior Planner; Phone: (360) 416-1423.

*In conjunction with the above Special Use and Forest Practice Conversion permit applications, the following appeal is being consolidated with this Hearing proceeding per SCC 14.06.060.

- B. Appeal #PL22-0142**, filed by Central Samish Valley Neighbors, of Skagit County Planning and Development Services February 22, 2022, Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance

(MDNS) decision issued after review of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist completed in conjunction with the review of the above Special Use Permit (#PL16-0097) and Forest Practice Conversion (#PL16-0098) applications. **Staff contact:** Kevin Cricchio, Senior Planner; Phone: (360) 416-1423.

*While members of the public are invited to observe the SEPA appeal hearing, only those witnesses identified by the parties to the appeal will have the opportunity to actively participate in the appeal hearing, including providing testimony. The Hearing Examiner will not accept or consider comments on the SEPA appeal that are submitted by anyone other than the parties to the appeal.

Your views for or against the requests are invited either by attendance or letter. Comments and/or facsimiles must be received by Planning and Development Services **no later than 4:30 PM on August 25, 2022, or be presented at the public hearing.** E-mail comments may be submitted with the PDS website under the current legal notices tab or to the Office of the Hearing Examiner.

If you would like to speak at the hearing, please contact either Mona Kellogg at (360) 416-1156, email monak@co.skagit.wa.us; or Russell Walker at (360) 416-1154, email russow@co.skagit.wa.us; or to sign up.

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