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Subject: Regarding Re-designation request # 19-0001 San Juan Island

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We are writing about the Re-designation request 19-0001. We live next door and have 3 adjacent properties 1 is our primary residence, and 2 others are rental homes. We also own the next property to the South, 2 acre Raven Meadow. . My wife and I have raised our family here on this property since 1986. It has been peaceful here during that time until lately. Many loud construction equipment noises happen from 4:30 in the morning on, sometimes midnight. The noise and rumble from trucks starting up and running are so loud it shakes our house and rattles the walls. Sometimes we think it is an earthquake or someone ran into our house. Oftentimes the fumes from the diesel engines waft into our windows if they are open. It is unbearable. Large equipment, huge dumpsters loaded and unloaded, backup alarms, crashing from excavator buckets clanking, compressors running, etc. the list goes on and on. All hours of the morning to all hours of the night, it's not right. This has been going on now for at least 3 or 4 years. It used to be quiet here. This property is not appropriate for this use. It is not sheltered from the road nor from residences. It is very disturbing. It is not fair that this has been allowed to continue. I have asked many times to have the rules enforced. James Finn with the county wanted to enforce the rules but his boss Erika Shook would not allow him to do so. We have called the sheriff many times and he has come out trying to stop them from making noise at 5:00am in the morning or at other times waking us up from our sleep. The Sheriff tried to enforce the law but the county wouldn't let him because of this application before you. This non conforming activity has been increasing exponentially for the last 4 years! This property is not meant for this type of activity, Nor has it ever been, and it should be stopped. In 1990-1991 the county stopped an attempt of this type of use, and because it was NOT allowed, Johnny Burton sold it to Ed. There is no way to shelter us from the disturbances. The property is not big enough to put in buffers. The current renter has told us to just get used to the noise and get earplugs because he is going to be running 10 trucks a morning out of there! Having an inconsiderate neighbour making loud noises at all hours is not right! If this change is allowed to go through it will be awful. It's not fair at all to us neighbours who are trying to live in our homes.

When Ed purchased this property he ran a water line across Cattle point road to the cement plant, and our well for 4 homes went dry! We had to redrill way deeper. The impacts are too numerous to list that have already started to occur, and we concur with the staff recommendations regarding Re-designation. This use is incompatible with residences, and it does not meet the RGU designation criteria. It would greatly, unfairly, further diminish the quality of life for surrounding residences.

We appreciate the County Staff's work very much so we tried to keep this statement brief so as to not take up too much of your time.

Thank you
Best Regards,
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