

**From:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**To:** "Aaron"  
**Cc:** [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Yacolt Mt\_4:41  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2018 4:41:48 PM

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Hello Aaron,  
Thank you for the email.

We will include your comments for the record. I have included Nicole Snider in this email; she is the office assistant to code enforcement. Mitch is the Community Development Director, and Oliver Orjiako is the Community Planning Director. Sonja Wiser is Community Planning's Administrative Assistant that will place your comments in the record.

The mine has some specific conditions that they are supposed to follow.

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.

Please follow-up with Nicole about the current operation concerns.

Gary

-----Original Message-----

From: Aaron [<mailto:aaaronh68@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 4:22 PM  
To: Albrecht, Gary  
Subject: Yacolt Mt

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the expansion of the quarry. I urge you to not approve this expansion. My family and I live on Kelly Rd between the quarry and Gabriel Rd. I already have 200+ trucks that travel in front of my home per day. Starting at 7am and calming down about 6pm. There are lots of trucks that still use unmuffled compression breaks. Whether the county wants to believe it or not. (Yes, I do know what an unmuffled truck sounds like. Muffled breaks you can't hear a mile down the road.) Trucks are so loud that we can no longer have our windows open during those hours and expect to hear anything inside our home. The trucks simply override any television, music and general conversation in my home. The trucks travel at high rate of speed. I personally have paced a large amounts of trucks at 55-60mph and way too many at 60+mph. There have been numerous of accidents on these roads because of the trucks carelessness and speed. The majority of these accidents have been roll over accidents which have resulted in road closures. These road closures interfere with the residents travel. There are lots and lots of break downs on the intersection of Gabriel and Hwy 503. Which again causes massive back ups in traffic and interferes with the residents. The roads themselves have been tore up to the point where the county had to come out, dig up and replace whole sections of roads. Again, caused more traffic congestion and interferes with the residents. During the road work, I personally couldn't get in or out of my drive way for most of the 3 days it took them to complete it. Since then the trucks have already tore up the new sections of road. There is a local business down the road called Royal Ridges Retreat. I have spoken with the owner about the problems dealing with the trucks. Their mailboxes have been run over/hit by the trucks twice! The owner has now given up on trying to keep his entryway nice because the trucks have to swing into his entry to make the turn onto Gabriel. Now his customers have to navigate through huge pot holes and rough road simply because of the trucks. This is destruction of personal property!

It's also not fair to the residents that we all take a huge hit on our property values with the quarry being there.

If you expand the quarry, all these problems will multiply at a very fast rate. I again urge you to not approve this expansion. Remember, the houses were here way before the quarry!

Thank you!  
Aaron Heinzman

**From:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**To:** ["Carla Christian"](#)  
**Cc:** [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Yacolt Mountain surface mining expansion\_Christian  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2018 11:14:08 AM

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Hello Carla,  
Thank you for the email.

We will include your comments for the Planning Commission Hearing record. I have included Nicole Snider in this email. The mine has some specific conditions that they are supposed to follow with their current conditional use 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.

Please follow-up with Nicole.

Gary

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**From:** Carla Christian [mailto:[carla\\_foth\\_christian@yahoo.com](mailto:carla_foth_christian@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 28, 2018 10:01 AM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** Yacolt Mountain surface mining expansion

I am writing to you to ask you to please not approve an expansion of the Yacolt Mountain surface mining overlay. This operation received its original conditional use permit approval on appeal to the commissioners, in direct opposition to the conclusions of the professional county reviewer who used the county's own matrix for evaluation. This rock mine is badly located and is detrimental to the quality of life and health in the Yacolt Mountain area.

I live on NE Gabriel Road. I have lived here for 5 years, and for the first 3.5 years I was unaware of the impact of the mine because the double rock trucks used Kelly Road as their route to and from the mine. During the severe winter of 2017, they crashed several trucks on the hills and curves of Kelly Rd. and decided that they preferred coming down the mountain on Gabriel. Suddenly, we had 30 trucks per hour passing our rural residential property. It is a downhill grade most of the way, and despite the required posting of "no unmuffled engine braking" signs, the majority of trucks ride their unmuffled brakes all the way down the hill. Clark County required the noise posting as part of the mine's conditional use permit, but I have never, even once, seen any enforcement activity in our area. The properties lining Gabriel Rd are not farms and forests, they are zoned rural residential, and people's homes line the road. Our country home is like a noisy industrial district.

The roads here are narrow and curving with short sight lines. When a truck crashes or breaks down, which they do on a regular basis, they severely impact the safety and access for the Yacolt Mountain area. Just this past week, a double rock truck broke down at the stop sign where Gabriel Rd. meets Hwy 503. Vehicles backed up along Gabriel Rd., the primary access route to Yacolt and surrounding areas. The truck driver got out and stood on 503, waving one vehicle at a time past his truck to reach the intersection. This required drivers to pull into the oncoming lane of a blind corner, where cars turn

off 503 at highway speeds. I was only a few vehicles behind the rock truck, but it took me about 20 minutes to pass. As soon as I had a cell signal I called 911 to report this hazardous situation. NO ONE had reported it, including the driver who was clearly aware of the problem or Stordahl who owns the truck. A deputy arrived in 10 minutes and spent an hour and 20 minutes directing traffic until the road could be cleared. This is very typical - the truck drivers DO NOT REPORT their road incidents so there is no record of their true impact on safety and traffic in the area.

Please do not allow this inappropriately sited and poorly enforced operation to expand in our community. The economic benefit to the Rotschy and Stordahl operations should not outweigh the health, safety, and peaceful enjoyment of the many residents of this region.

Thank you,

Carla Christian  
16302 NE Gabriel Rd.  
Yacolt, WA 98675

**From:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**To:** ["Dan and Caroline Swansey"](#)  
**Cc:** [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Yacolt Mtn SEPA  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 8:41:24 AM

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Thank you Caroline,  
Your comments will be submitted to the record and heard by the Clark County Planning Commission on August 2, 2018.

Gary

**From:** Dan and Caroline Swansey [mailto:[yacoltmountainfarm@gmail.com](mailto:yacoltmountainfarm@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 31, 2018 5:06 PM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** Re: Yacolt Mtn SEPA

Hi Gary,

Here with attached are my comments in a document. Please let me know if you have trouble opening it.

I wish I had more time to spend on studying the proposal more to have a stronger feedback, but it is hard to make time for things outside of my usual obligations,

Best  
Caroline

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On Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 11:19 AM, Albrecht, Gary <[Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov)> wrote:  
Hello Caroline,  
Thank you. I will look for your email.

Gary

**From:** Dan and Caroline Swansey [mailto:[yacoltmountainfarm@gmail.com](mailto:yacoltmountainfarm@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 6:11 AM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** Re: Yacolt Mtn SEPA

Hi Gary,

I just wanted to let you know I am still finishing up my comments and will send them to you before August 1st. I am also telling a few people that I know will attend

the hearing and will give them a copy of my comments just in case I cannot attend personally so that I can make sure my comments were read and discussed.

Please look for an e-mail from me by tomorrow,

Best  
Caroline

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On Fri, Jul 13, 2018 at 11:37 AM, Albrecht, Gary <[Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov)> wrote:

Hello Carolyn,

Please submit written comments to me at this email address. They will be included in the Planning Commission Hearing.

Gary



**Gary Albrecht**

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What does an expansion of the Yacolt mountain quarry mean to the Yacolt mountain community?

The neighbors of the Yacolt quarry, the people living downstream and in the same East Fork of the Lewis River watershed, the people living along the roads used daily by the quarry trucks in my mind all are a part of the Yacolt mountain community that are burdened by the impact of the quarry.

Each business operation has costs and benefits, however when most of the benefits are experienced by very few and many of the costs are externalized to those who don't gain much benefit, it becomes a major issue of unfair accounting.

Although I do not have the time to track the people who benefit from the quarry operation, from my perspective it seems the owner making a profit, the employees who gain jobs and the people outside of the Yacolt mountain community who gain access to rock for development make up the select people who stand to gain the bulk of the benefits of the quarry operation and expansion.

The costs of the quarry operation, although the financial costs will be paid by the owner as defined costs of operation, I would like to point out the many costs which are unaccounted for by the quarry operation that the people living in the Yacolt mountain community experience. This type of false accounting where a business does not carry all of the true costs of its operation is what people call externalized costs.

My family and I, Caroline Swansey, are a neighbor to the Yacolt mountain quarry. Our property of 24.7 acres located west of the quarry only has 3, 5 acre lots between our property line and the blasting pit. As such we are very much part of this Yacolt mountain community and our family's life is directly impacted by the quarry.

I can tell you that we do not feel any benefits from this quarry operation, yet we most certainly experience many of the costs in our daily life. Before I go into the details of the many costs that we experience directly I would like to point out that there is only 2 ways that I see a fair future for this quarry:

1. A stop to the quarry operation will allow us to enjoy a life in the rural community without the burdens of a quarry in our neighborhood.
2. The quarry operation accurately recognizes the costs of their operation to the community and offsets these costs to the community by funding and providing benefits to the entire local community to mitigate the external costs.

I can think a several examples of projects that would make the quarry a friend to the community as opposed to just a burden, let me list just a few of my ideas:

ex. Funding the construction of a SAFE path along Kelly road (and other roads used heavily by quarry trucks) which would allow bicyclers and pedestrian to use the PUBLIC roads which are currently much too dangerous to bike or walk along as a direct result of the quarry trucks

ex. Funding the purchase of more public land around Yacolt mountain and connected to the public lands along the East Fork of the Lewis River that could be preserved and/or restored ecologically to Native habitat and serve the local community by providing local walking trails on Yacolt mountain as well as provide ecosystem services such as improved water quality of the watershed, decrease erosion, provide wildlife habitat etc. Imagine advertising that these walking

trails are made possible by the Yacolt mountain quarry and I'm sure you can imagine that the community would be able to see the quarry in a more positive light.

These are just 2 examples, which would make my family personally feel that the quarry cares about the quality of life of its neighbors.

These benefits to the community would internalize the costs such that the quarry could more accurately and fairly analyze the costs and benefits of its operation.

### The costs to the community

To discuss the costs to the community I will use the document of *determination of non-significance* for the proposal: CPZ2018-00001 Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion which I believe does not accurately document the environmental impact of the quarry. I use it as a starting point to identify the impact on the people in the community which the quarry fails to accurately describe in the answers to the SEPA environmental checklist. Let me remind those concerned that our environment should not exclude the people living in the local community as we are a part of the environment.

#### 1. Earth

The answer to question d. about whether there are unstable soils in the immediate vicinity is "No". I would disagree with this as the lot directly on the other side of the mountain from the quarry, has incredibly steep slopes which were covered with forests but just recently are clear cut and the soil is completely exposed to the elements of erosion. Continued blasting can exacerbate the likelihood of soils becoming unstable. Eroding soils on the other side of the mountain would directly have an impact on the watershed.

Personally, my family has experienced plumes of heavy air/wind born soil immediately following each blasting event. From our house after we feel the local earthquake caused by the blast we always see a thick cloud of soil lifting from the mountain as if it were a volcano.

Personally, we've experienced increased amounts of dust on our family farm crops when quarry trucks are driving up and down the mountain as they pass very near our property all day long.

#### 2. Air

Quarry trucks burn a massive amount of fossil fuels when driving up the mountain past our house thus directly contributing to local air pollution that would otherwise be absent in this rural area.

#### 3. Water

Although our property does not share the same tributary, we are in the same East Fork of the Lewis river watershed and all of those who live in this watershed would be burdened by the impact the quarry has on the watershed. I would strongly encourage the county officials as well as the department of ecology to clearly assess the impact of this quarry operation on the watershed and at the very least require the quarry to mitigate any impact. Frequent assessments would be necessary to accurately measure the impact.

## 5. Animals

I'm not sure which animals are on their lot but the creek that runs on our property has frogs and although I am not an expert in amphibians and have not identified these frogs, it wouldn't surprise me if the frogs in our creeks are Oregon spotted frogs which are on the endangered species list.

We still have a lot of wildlife in these parts of the county and again I would argue that if they are going to affect this wildlife with the operation, they should be required to accurately and specifically assess the impact and at least mitigate the impact with efforts to protect specific zones.

Also, to leave native vegetative buffers only where "practical" seems like very loose terminology and hardly a commitment to do a significant effort.

## 7 Environmental health

### b. Noise

Personally the impact of Noise to our family is very big. As I am typing this right now I hear a constant roar of huge rock hauling trucks driving up and down the mountain. Often using their compression brakes near our house as they are not on public roads yet were it is forbidden. I would like to point out that it is not uncommon for us to hear the crusher before 7am and to still hear the trucks after 5pm.

The explosions every 2 weeks, the constant noise of the quarry trucks, the crusher, all affect our life constantly and this is a big cost to our health as it has been well documented that constant loud noises can cause stress.

## 8. Land and Shoreline use

1. They mention "No" that it will not surrounding farms, but I can say that our farm will be affected by this quarry. We run a certified organic farm and our customers value high quality unpolluted food. Knowing there are trucks depositing dust on our vegetables decreases the value of our produce in our customer's eyes. So I would strongly disagree with this answer and say that our farm is losing quality of our products as a result of this quarry operation.

## 10. Aesthetics

b. "What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered?" They answered **NONE!** I think this answer is completely false. Since our family moved here, we have admired the view of Yacolt Mountain. We moved here because of this view. I have watched the ridgeline change shape in front of my eyes. When the top of a mountain is removed, and the ridgeline shift, that is certainly an alter to the view and the aesthetic nature of the place. Personally I have seen the ridgeline drop during one of the blasts and it has had an impact on the way I see this mountain. Loosing this mountain as it is would be an incredible loss to our view.

I can imagine those who can see the quarry from the other side would also agree that "none" is not a fair answer.

## 14. Transportation

Although the SEPA questionnaire does not cover this very well. The transport of rock by huge rock quarry trucks has had an immense impact on the community. Not only does it damage the public roads such that even in just a year time new potholes are formed all along Kelly and Gabriele road, the quarry trucks make walking or biking on the side of the roads practically life threatening. We all pay for the use of our public roads, yet, on Kelly road and Gabrielle road it is unsafe for the public to use the roads unless they are in a vehicle.

All people should be encouraged to walk or bike more, to reduce pollution and CO2 emissions, to save money by using less gasoline, and to exercise more for better health. However, in this neighborhood, even if we just wanted to go say hi to a friend down the road, our choice is limited to just driving simply because the quarry trucks driving on Kelly and Gabriele road make it completely unsafe to walk or bike.

This is a cost the community is burdened with as a direct result of the quarry. If only they made an effort to help construct a bike/pedestrian path next to the road, we would see the quarry trucks in a better light.

#### Conclusion

I do not have the time to put prices to all of these costs as I like any other person have limited amount of time to spend on making my voice heard. But I hope that this county starts to see that every operation has an impact on the people, the community and the environment as they are all really connected to one another. The county may gain economically from the quarry and that is ok, but it is important to make sure an operation thinks about how they are affecting the neighbors around the operation and I would like to suggest that if only the quarry made an effort to show that they care about the community by funding projects, such as trails, paths, parks, etc. then the community would have an easier time seeing that this operation benefits everyone and not just the one who is making a profit.

If they are not willing to contribute to the wellbeing of the neighborhood and community, I feel we should do everything we can to stop the quarry operation.

Thanks for your time.

Caroline Swansey

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July 27, 2018

A Non-Profit (501C3) Tax Deductible Group, Dedicated to Advocacy of Good Land & Water Stewardship

To: Oliver Orjiako, Director, Clark County Community Planning

Subject: Proposal CPZ2018-00001 Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion

Parcel numbers 23061000 and a portion of parcel number 230301000 & finding of "No Significant Adverse Effect"

From: Richard Dyrland, Pres. Friends of the East Fork Lewis River, 27511 NE 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ridgefield WA 98642

Friends of the East Fork is always concerned about the surface water and groundwater quality of the East Fork Lewis River and we look at various existing or proposed land modification activities to try and determine if there is a potential risk to water involved. Clark County Community Planning has been evaluating a proposal for mining on two parcels of land below the existing Yacolt Mountain Quarry. We urge the County to carefully look at all of it's old and recent files on the Yacolt Mountain area as a whole, in order to be sure that their current finding of "No Significant Impact" and the related environmental checklist is adequate and will result in proper protection of the surface and groundwater resources of the East Fork Watershed.

If there are relevant geologic/land slide issues or soils stability situations that might affect the two specific proposed activity parcels, then it would be prudent for the County to consider that a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analysis be done for these two new areas which are not currently part of the existing Yacolt Mountain Quarry operation.

#### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPOSED PARCELS & SURROUNDING AREA:**

Geology and soils are important to how a site would be affected by a major surface and sub-surface activity. The WA DNR Geologic Hazard Maps and the NRCS Soils Reports System have detailed information on the characteristics and performance of the various classification that apply to the various delineations within the overall area. The County also has old geologic investigation files done for the County that might prove to be helpful. We hope that the Clark County Community Planning Staff and other supporting technical departments in the County will do or will have done this already. The larger scale USGS geologic map, the WA DNR Geologic Hazards Map, and the NRCS Soils maps are attached as a source indicator where more detailed data and information can be found.



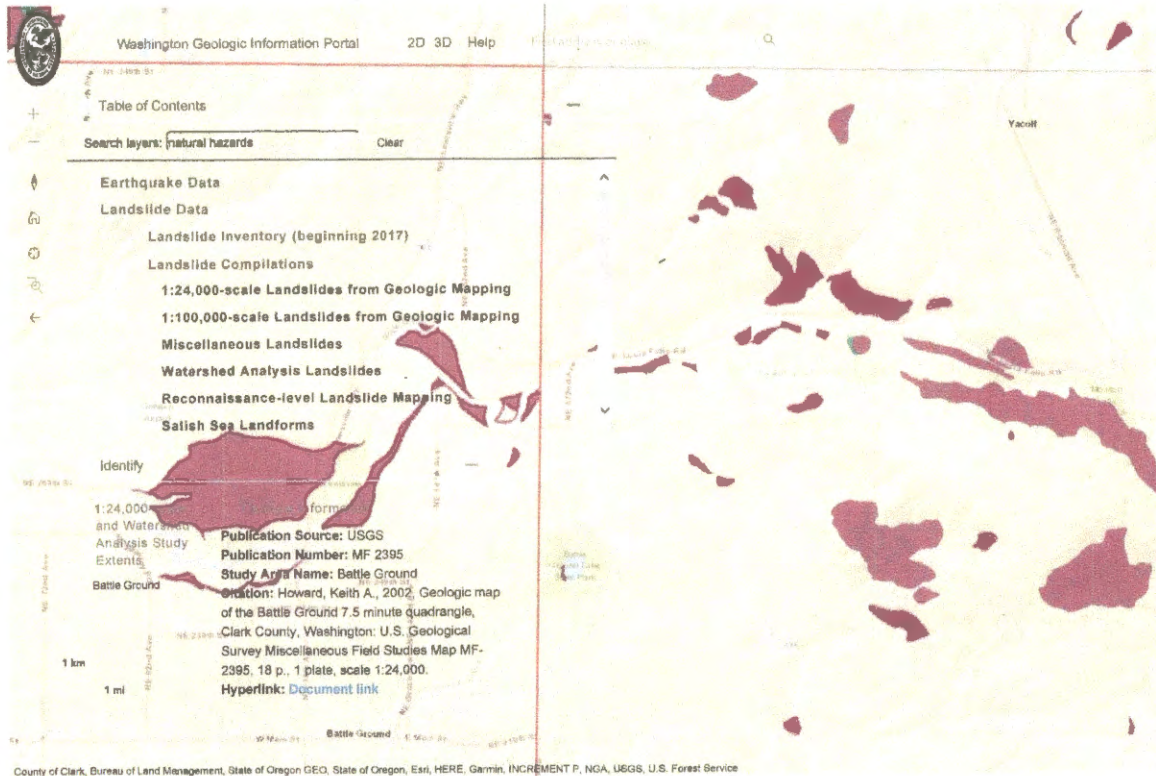


Figure-2 WA DNR Natural Geologic Hazards Map of Yacolt Mountain & East Fork Region

**Figure-3 NRCS Soils Map of Yaclt Mountain & East Fork Region**



We hope this information will be helpful to achieving “balance growth & progress” while protecting our water resources that are so critical to the future of the citizens of Clark County.

Respectfully,

For: Friends of the East Fork Lewis River, 27511 NE 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ridgefield WA. 98642

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**From:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**To:** ["Gary Ogier"; Orjiako, Oliver](#)  
**Cc:** ["Marie Ogier"; Snider, Nicole; Nickolds, Mitch; Wisser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Yacolt Mountain Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 10:55:40 AM

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Hello Gary:

Thank you for the email. We will include your comments for the record. As I have indicated to Mrs. Ogier, 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 these 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

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**From:** Gary Ogier [mailto:gary.ogier@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary; Orjiako, Oliver  
**Cc:** 'Marie Ogier'  
**Subject:** Yacolt Mountain Expansion

WE STRONGLY VOICE AN OPINION OF NO EXPANSION! AND REQUEST A REVIEW OF CURRENT BLASTING PRACTICES!

For some time, and especially the past 1-2 years we have been experiencing large explosions which deliver a very strong jolt our house. We can see the huge cloud of dust from these explosions and have been taking pictures of them. We have been wondering if the County places any limits on the size of the explosions they are using in their mining operation. It hasn't seemed so in the past couple of years.

We are 1 mile south of the mine, and it is unbelievable how strong the shock wave still is when it hits us. We worry that the cracks developing in our house and property are from those explosions. Also, both we and our two closest neighbors have had negative changes in both the quality and quantity of water in our wells. In the past two years we have all run dry, and each year it has occurred earlier, going from mid-August to July to June. There are no new wells being drilled in the area and there has been normal or higher rainfall, so the tremors we are getting are strongly suspected of impacting the aquifers in our area.

Also there is way more dust in the air and infiltrating our house than there should be in our area which has no other known source for the dust.

Again, we are strongly opposed to the expansion proposal, and would be in favor of having the County review scaling back the current blasting practices so the quality of life in the area is not so negatively impacted.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information that might be helpful, and Thank You for protecting the livability of Clark County!

Gary Ogier

Gary.ogier@gmail.com

**From:** [Jim Danzenbaker](#)  
**To:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**Cc:** [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Yacolt Mountain Surface Mining Expansion Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2018 3:27:36 PM

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Mr. Albrecht,

Thanks for your e-mail.

I don't know the responsibilities of those you copied on your e-mail response so don't know how to follow up with anyone. I will await communication from Nicole.

Thanks again for your response.

Jim

On Mon, Jul 30, 2018 at 11:33 AM, Albrecht, Gary <[Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 8:01 AM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
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This e-mail is to voice my concern about a proposed Surface Mining Expansion on Yacolt Mountain.

I moved to Battle Ground, Clark County in 2005 much for the opportunity to live close to PDX without having to endure the crowds, congestion, and sprawl of Portland and Vancouver. I have mostly enjoyed the experience. However, in the last several years, that joy has been tempered by the rise of truck traffic through Battle Ground, the encroachment of the Portland sprawl, and the constant attack on the natural environment of Clark County.

I know you can't do anything about the sprawl but the truck traffic and the attack on the environment are different issues that you can positively affect. I walk along Main Street in Battle Ground almost daily and am amazed at the amount of rock laden truck traffic that is continuously plowing through the streets of my town. At any given time, 3 or 4 trucks are in view. Unfortunately, many of these truck drivers seem to believe that their schedule is the most important thing on their mind so driving through red lights and speeding have become their norm. Regardless of their lack of responsible driving skills, the fumes from these trucks and the noise is becoming a huge problem.

The proposed expansion of the surface mine on Yacolt Mountain will increase this truck traffic and will continue to degrade the quality of life in Battle Ground.

Secondly and more importantly, the expansion of the Mine will further destroy the natural environment of Clark County which is already suffering from rapid destruction from human encroachment on all fronts. You probably can't do anything about the existing mine but expanding it would be bad for our environment and our quality of life.

Please rethink this proposal and consider the citizens of Battle Ground, Yacolt and the rest of Clark County.

Thanks for your consideration.

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**To:** ["Kathleen Stevens"](#)  
**Cc:** [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed expansion\_Stevens 11:58  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2018 11:58:31 AM

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**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2018 1:19:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [13\\_b\\_PC\\_Hearing\\_Notice\\_list.pdf](#)  
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[13\\_Post\\_card\\_hearing\\_notice.pdf](#)

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I do not have a list of phone numbers.

I have attached a list of people that were sent hearing notice postcards, and a map of the area.

Post card attached too.

Gary

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**To:** ["Kathleen Stevens"](#)  
**Cc:** [Albrecht, Gary](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: proposal for expansion of Rotschy mining project  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2018 12:00:17 PM

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Hello Kathleen:

Thank you for your comment and concerns. Your comment will be forwarded to the Clark County Planning Commission and be entered into the record. The Planning Commission makes policy recommendations to the Clark County Council which has the final say upon consideration of the PC recommendation and public input. Please, watch out for when the Council will consider the recommendation of PC on this matter. Thank you.

Best,

Oliver



**Oliver Orjiako**  
Director  
COMMUNITY PLANNING

564.397.2280 ext 4112



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**Subject:** proposal for expansion of Rotschy mining project

**Mr. Orjiako:**

**I have tried without success, to call you regarding the proposed expansion of the mining project. I am adamantly opposed to this expansion. I would not even have wanted the current blasting and consequential damage to my environment had I been asked. I have sent my objections to Mr. Albrecht. Due to recent surgery I am unable to make an appearance for the hearing. Please contact Mr. Albrecht for copies of my email. I have proposed the \$700,000 buy out for my property so that I may leave this area and find another place to reside without all the noise, damage to existing property and heavy gravel truck traffic on narrow country roads. Should you need further information please email me or call me at 360 686-3623  
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**Cc:** [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: Upcoming hearing on the mining proposal  
**Date:** Monday, July 30, 2018 11:51:47 AM

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Hello Ms. Stevens:

This email will be included in the record for Thursday's Planning Commission Hearing on August 2, 2018. Oliver is included in this email as a cc.

Gary

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**From:** Kathleen Stevens [mailto:vonstevenhaus@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 30, 2018 10:52 AM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** Upcoming hearing on the mining proposal

Mr Albrecht: Please put the following into record for the upcoming hearing and forward a copy of it to Oliver Orijanko for the upcoming community planning hearing in August.

As a long time resident on Mystic Drive I am totally opposed to any further expansion on this operation. I and many others in this area are adamantly opposed to any projects that would further damage our homes and destroy our environment. Please include my previous email (which I will include below) to the planning hearing. Many of us were living here prior to the county giving blanket permission to these people to blast and carry on a business that destroys our homes and our quality of living. I have seen structural damage to my home and concrete surrounding my home since this blasting began. I have to count on my well water to remain pure and not be contaminated by these continuous blasts. If Rotschy and his wealthy partners want to contaminate my living environment he should have to pay me at least \$700,000 to purchase my property so I can move away. I'm sure other neighbors feel the same way. Below is the last email I sent regarding this proposed project. Please also include my original complaint to you below. I would like a mailed response to Kathleen Stevens at PO Box 633 in Yacolt, Wa.

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33101 N.E. Mystic Drive  
Yacolt, Wa. 98675

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**To:** "Stroebe Zine"  
**Cc:** [Snider, Nicole](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: August 2nd hearing time and place  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 1:29:49 PM

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You're welcome Margaret.

I have included code enforcement about your comment.

Gary

**From:** Stroebe Zine [mailto:stroebezine@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 1:13 PM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** Re: August 2nd hearing time and place

Thank you for your prompt response to my e-mail. One additional note I would like added to the public record and that is this morning another Stordahl truck broke down at the intersection of NE Gabriel Road and HWY 503. This happens all too often. Since there is no shoulder, traffic is blocked for a long traffic delay and requires police attention to redirect traffic. This is another example of how the county roads cannot handle the current large gravel truck traffic. Margaret

On Wed, Jul 25, 2018 at 9:18 AM, Albrecht, Gary <[Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov)> wrote:  
Good morning Margaret,  
The Planning Commission Hearing is on August 2, 2018. Hearings are held at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., sixth-floor, Vancouver.

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Yacolt Mountain Rock Quarry is requesting to expand the existing surface mining overlay zone to two adjacent parcels of land.

The short reply is that they are requesting to expand the overlay so they can place the dirt (stockpile) that is covering the existing rock on the original site. They want to move the dirt so they can get to the rock.

Once, the original site is mined, their intent is to move the stockpile back to the original site and start the reclamation process. They will have to apply for another conditional use permit to mine the new parcels, 230061000 and 230301000. Truck traffic and roads will be addressed at the time of the future conditional use permit, along with other environmental concerns through the SEPA process.

I hope this information helps.

Gary



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**Subject:** August 2nd hearing time and place

July 25, 2018

To: Marc Boldt and Gary Albrecht

Re: Yacolt Mountain Quarry Gravel Trucks

Hello:

Thank you in advance for reading this very important letter. I wrote to you in

the fall of 2017 regarding the quarry gravel trucks in North Clark County. During the past 6 months the situation with these trucks has gotten much worse.

**Accidents:** In February of 2017, one of the full gravel trucks was heading south on Kelly Road and ended up in an accident near the Lewis River on Rock Creek Road. A few months ago on Gabriel Road a car had to drive off the road to avoid a gravel truck that was too close to the opposite lane. A few weeks ago we came upon a flatbed truck that was overturned on the north side of Grace/142<sup>nd</sup> in North Clark County. It is very common to have 6 gravel trucks lined up in a row at the intersections of Kelly Road and Rock Creek Road, and also at the intersection of HWY 503 and Gabriel Road. This amount of trucks makes it very dangerous and difficult to turn onto Rock Creek Road from Kelly Road and onto 503 from Gabriel Road. Currently we have a cracked windshield in our vehicle from gravel coming from a Stordahl truck on HWY 503. Our neighbor also has a cracked windshield due to a gravel truck. With so many trucks passing our driveway on Gabriel Road we are very nervous now just pulling out of our driveway anytime of day Monday-Saturday.

**Health and Safety concerns:** My greatest concern about these gravel trucks is the safety issues involved. I especially worry about the gravel trucks when school is in session. There are many school buses on Gabriel Road. Children waiting for the buses often step out of the driveway watching for the bus. There is also the issue of noise pollution due to compression brakes still being used and general exhaust pollution.

**Road destruction:** It is very clear to me that the roads in North Clark County, especially Gabriel, Rock Creek and Kelly Roads, were not designed or built to handle trucks that weigh 100,000 pounds when full. There are no shoulders on these county roads so if a gravel truck is driving too fast or crosses the center line, there really is no escape route. Are the Yacolt Mountain Quarry and the Stordahl Truck companies paying taxes that equal all the repairs now needed on the North Clark County Roads? Would it be possible to require lower truck speed limits on county roads such as 10 miles slower than the posted speed signs?

**Potential increase in truck traffic if new permit is granted:** If a new permit is granted to the Yacolt Mountain Quarry it is my understanding that their operation will increase by 2/3's. This would mean an extreme amount of gravel trucks on county roads. This is truly **not** acceptable.

**Public Hearing;** It is my understanding that a notice of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing was mailed to folks (a little bit more than required). I feel that all the residents on Kelly Road, Rock Creek Road and Gabriel Road should have also received notice of this very important hearing. Could you please let me know the time and location of this hearing?

**Both sides of the issue:** I do understand that Clark County needs a source of gravel. However, as my letter is clearly stating, the excessive amount of these gravel trucks is presenting safety issues, more road destruction and also overall change in character of the rural neighborhoods on the county roads. The gravel trucks are making our neighborhoods into an industrial construction zone.

**More time for public opinions to be heard:** I sincerely ask that the county take more time to review the permit process for the Yacolt Mountain Quarry permit process. Please consider that any increase in their operation will create more damage and safety hazards to the North Clark County rural neighborhoods. Please realize that in this permit review, the trucking operation of 100's of trucks per week in North Clark County is having a grave effect on our once quiet, rural communities.

Sincerely,

Margaret Stroebe, Owner and 15 year resident

17814 NE Gabriel Road

Yacolt WA 98675

Mailing address: PO Box 2572, Battle Ground WA 98604

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**To:** [Albrecht, Gary](#); [Gary Ogier](#)  
**Cc:** [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** Re: AGAINST Yacolt Mountain Quarry Expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 6:45:28 AM

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I don't remember when it started, maybe a year ago. I'm guessing that the south side wall of the quarry is now lower and the blast concussion now rattles our home. The hilltop is lower and straighter than it has been is my clue. We are a mile away, literally as a crow flies. Two months ago contactors were on our roof adding a patio covering and heard the blast. They were alarmed and I yelled up to them to look north, it was the quarry. They did and could see the dust cloud coming up. Their general contractor was on the ground, alarmed. He dropped his head and said, 'That's just not right. That's just not right!' On many occasions I've taken a photo of the dust cloud and texted it to neighbors. Friends as far as 5 miles away to the SE can hear and feel it.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Please let me know what I can do.

Yours Sincerely,

**Marie Ogier**

Cell/Text: [360-901-3240](tel:360-901-3240)

On Mon, Jul 23, 2018 at 5:08 PM, Albrecht, Gary <[Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 4:26 PM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** AGAINST Yacolt Mountain Quarry Expansion

We are strongly against the proposed expansion of the Yacolt Mountain Quarry. Every week my windows rattle with the explosions of the blasts. After I immediately look over and see the cloud of dust rising from the quarry. One time a friend was visiting who lived in a war torn country. The blasts were loud enough to alarm her severely. We worry about long term damage to our property. The blasts are heard from friends 5 and a half miles away!

Please do not allow this expansion. It jeopardizes our quality of life and home. Please let me know if I have contacted the correct source.

**Yours Sincerely,**

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**Subject:** RE: Concern about Yacolt Mountain Mining Expansion  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 11:12:23 AM

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**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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Mark T. Rose

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[mark.t.rose@gmail.com](mailto:mark.t.rose@gmail.com)

**From:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**To:** ["Melanie Sanborn"](#)  
**Cc:** [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CPZ2018-00001 Yacolt Mountain Surface Mining Overlay Expansion Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 8:53:41 AM

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Hello Melanie,  
You're very welcome. These comments will be included in the record for the upcoming Planning Commission Hearing on August 2, 2018.

Gary

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**From:** Melanie Sanborn [mailto:[buntmel66@yahoo.com](mailto:buntmel66@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 6:01 PM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** Re: CPZ2018-00001 Yacolt Mountain Surface Mining Overlay Expansion Request

Gary,

Thank you. This is the letter I sent to the Clark County Commissioners:

I live near the Yacolt Mountain Quarry. I have great concern due to road safety for everyone in this area. There is a constant stream of rock truck traffic up and down Kelly Hill Road all day long. The roads in this area are narrow, steep and winding. Visibility is poor and the conditions of the pavement (full of potholes and crumbling edges) make it even worse. The trucks can't make the turn on and off Kelly Hill Road because it is too narrow. The drivers will wave to people to tell them to go onto Rock Creek Road or to back up at the stop sign so that they can get by. This should be against the law. A tragic accident will eventually happen; there have been many close calls already. When the sheriff comes out to watch near the mine, the rock truck traffic virtually comes to a halt. Apparently, a truck driver spots the sheriff, lets the others know and they wait until he's gone. I have watched this for many years as I have brought my kids to and from Yacolt and Amboy schools. I have also watched as the trucks fail to stop coming out of the mine, they also cross the center line, hit pot holes and "jump" into the other lane. I have witnessed numerous close calls on a daily basis. There are many families in this area and a lot of drivers on the road. My daughter will soon be getting her driver's permit. My conscious as a mother won't allow me to sit by silently as the Yacolt Mountain Quarry takes over this area. Besides my children, there are many other people out and about driving each day. We all have the reasonable right to safety on the roads. This is not the case now and it will only get worse if the mine expands. There are many other issues regarding the quarry: rock spills, water pollution, landslides and noise are just a few. Please, commissioners, as representatives of Clark County do not allow the mine to expand and please address the current problems we live with on a day-to-day basis.

Thank you,

Melanie Sanborn

On Tuesday, July 24, 2018 9:56 AM, "Albrecht, Gary" <Gary.Albrecht@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Hello Melanie:

Thank you for the phone call. Please reply to this 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



**Gary Albrecht**  
Planner III, AICP  
COMMUNITY PLANNING

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**From:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**To:** ["Nichole Tyler"](#)  
**Cc:** [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Yacolt Mountain Mine Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 10:18:20 AM

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Hello Nichole,  
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.

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



**Gary Albrecht**  
Planner III, AICP  
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**From:** Nichole Tyler [mailto:[ntyler711@gmail.com](mailto:ntyler711@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 10:12 AM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** Yacolt Mountain Mine Expansion

Good Morning,

I just wanted to take a minute to voice my concerns over the proposed mining expansion on Yacolt Mountain. As a very close neighbor of the parcels involved in the expansion, I have the following concerns:

1. Excessive noise which would lead to reduced property values of surrounding properties- I can already hear the current operation from my home. I have heard them operating as early as 5:30AM on some days. The proposed expansion is going to be closer to my home and lead to even louder noise. When we made the offer on our home in September of 2016 the parcels set for expansion were still listed on the county gis as being owned by a timber company. If we had known that Stordahl had purchased the parcels we would not have purchased our current home. No one wants to live near an active mine.

Surrounding homes are already being put up for sale and an approval of this expansion would cause property values in the area to plummet.

2. Water Quality and Well Concerns- I am concerned that the mines operation will lower the water table to a point where the wells in the surrounding areas will no longer adequately serve the needs of home owners and nearby farms. Also, the dust and sediment from the mine could cause problems to the nearby creek. I know that residents near the existing mine noted these problems when the mine initially started its operations.

3. Structural issues due to blasting- Some of my neighbors who live closer to the existing mine have already stated that they believe the blasting from the mine is causing cracks in the foundations of their homes.

4. Truck traffic- Although the proposal states that there will not be an increase in truck traffic, I don't believe this to be true. Stordahl has misled the public and the county in the past regarding trucking numbers associated with the mine.

In closing- Allowing a mining expansion in an area that is surrounded by a residential area would be detrimental to the residents, water quality, and safety of those in the Yacolt Mountain vicinity.

I understand that the rapid growth of the county causes a need for rock products, but there has got to be a less populated area that can be mined to meet this demand.

Thank you,  
Jason and Nichole Tyler  
25010 NE CC Landon Rd  
Yacolt, WA 986875  
(360)609-1874

**From:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**To:** "Pat MARINIER"  
**Cc:** [Snider, Nicole](#); [Nickolds, Mitch](#); [Orjiako, Oliver](#); [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Yacolt Mountain Quarry  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 24, 2018 9:31:52 AM  
**Attachments:** [13 c Map Area of Hearing Notice.pdf](#)

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Hello Ms. Marinier:

Thank you for the email and voicemail message. We will include your email comments for the record.

Yacolt Mountain Rock Quarry is requesting to expand the existing surface mining overlay zone to two adjacent parcels of land.

The short reply is that they are requesting to expand the overlay so they can place the dirt (stockpile) that is covering the existing rock on the original site. They want to move the dirt so they can get to the rock.

Once, the original site is mined, their intent is to move the stockpile back to the original site and start the reclamation process. They will have to apply for another conditional use permit to mine the new parcels, 230061000 and 230301000. Truck traffic and roads will be addressed along with other environmental concerns through the SEPA process.

Below is a link to the Planning Commission webpage. It has additional information about the mine.

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/planning-commission-hearings-and-meeting-notes>

We are following county code about notifications, which is 15 days before the Planning Commission Hearing. Normally, we only notify property owners within 500' of the proposed change. But, in this case we notified a larger area, attached. Here is a short summary of our public involvement process.

Sixty-day notice notification was sent to the Department of Commerce on May 31, 2018, under RCW 36.70A.106. A Notice of Determination of Non-Significance and SEPA Environmental Checklist was published in the Columbian newspaper on July 13, 2018. **A legal notice was published for the Planning Commission hearing on August 2, 2018.** A notice of application and hearing was posted on the property on July 24, 2018. Public Hearing Notice was published in the Reflector and the Columbian newspapers on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. A postcard was mailed, and hearing notices posted on July 13, 2018.

The county is very interested in hearing from the mine's neighbors. I am not the decision maker; my role is to make recommendations to the Planning Commission and Clark County Council.

Your email will be included in the public record and submitting to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission and Clark County Council are the decision

makers.

Your concerns are about current operations. 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 these 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

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**From:** Pat MARINIER [mailto:PPENDER26@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 10:40 PM  
**To:** Albrecht, Gary  
**Subject:** Yacolt Mountain Quarry

Mr. Albrecht,

My address is:

32302 NE Kelly Rd, Yacolt, WA 98675

My name is Patricia Marinier

Today is the first I have heard of the expansion for the Yacolt Mountain Quarry, and our comments must be submitted by August 1. Unbelievable! I have lived here for 20 plus years and this is the first I am hearing of it. Today.

That being said, my understanding is that the Quarry will be 2/3rds larger than it is currently. I understand that the County needs rock and that creates jobs. However, our roads are not substantial enough to support an increased number of trucks. As well, there are so many trucks on the road right now that, except for Sundays, there is hardly a way to have a conversation in my home without waiting for the truck to pass. And there are so many trucks during the week and often on Saturday, that my body keeps expecting them on Sundays and cringes a bit even when they are not there. Not only are the roads not able to handle these trucks, but neither is my health, or family and friends. I'm not comfortable inviting people to my home because there is no such thing as peace in country living!!! People are appalled at the current level of use. My 8 year old granddaughter is visiting me from Boise and even she is thunderstruck at the number of trucks, the noise they make and the speed they travel. If she lived here, I would have her give her thoughts at a community meeting.

It seems that the rock quarry should finish with the rock that they have and then open

another portion and close the part that is used. That would, therefore, not increase the number of trucks that are barely tolerable now.

Please, give this community more time to present their solutions to this problem. Please, do not make a decision about this until you have heard extensively from the community. I am being respectfully in writing to you. Please, be respectful of our community.

Patricia Marinier  
32302 NE Kelly Rd.  
Yacolt, WA 98675

360-798-2043

**From:** [Cnty Health CCPH LandUse](#)  
**To:** [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CPZ2018-00001 - Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 8:43:25 AM

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Sonja,  
Public Health has no comment.

**Carla Sowder RS | Environmental Health Specialist II**

Clark County Public Health

1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Bldg. 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

[\(360\) 397-8000, ext.7254](#)

P.O. Box 9825, Vancouver, WA 98666-8825

NOTE: To meet with staff - [appointments are strongly encouraged.](#)

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**From:** Wiser, Sonja  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2018 9:59 AM  
**Subject:** CPZ2018-00001 - Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion

CPZ2018-00001 - Yacolt Mountain Proposed Surface Mining Overlay Expansion  
Comments are due by: August 1, 2018

**From:** [Candace Jones](#)  
**To:** [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** Expansion of Mining on Yacolt Mtn.  
**Date:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 1:04:43 PM

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The expansion of the rock pit, in our opinion, would be a reckless and unwise decision. There are several detrimental issues affecting our lives since the opening of the rock pit.

- Those of us living on Kelly Hill are facing serious problems as a result of the current amount and size of trucks traveling our roads. Each lane is only 14 feet wide. We have NO shoulders. The county roads were never intended to handle the size and volume of these trucks. Because of these trucks, developing pot-holes are an ongoing problem and the edges of pavement are crumbling. Many of us have chosen to live in this area so that we can enjoy walking, running and biking in the beautiful countryside. We pay taxes to use and enjoy these roads. It is now extremely dangerous to attempt any of these activities, due to truck traffic. Honestly, we have been forced to stay off of these roads. It's just too dangerous. There have been numerous wrecks by the truck drivers on Kelly Hill. They are unable to navigate some of the corners without consistently using both lanes. We have frequently counted five and six double trailered trucks traveling, one after the other, between the intersections of Kelly and Yacolt Mountain Rd. and that of Gabriel and Kelly. That is exactly one mile in distance. This truck traffic is an issue for those people using Kelly, Gabriel, and Rock Creek roads, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. five days a week.
- The trucks create a great deal of noise, mainly, again, due to the great number of trucks traveling in and out. The roar and whine of engines and braking throughout the day is impossible to miss.
- Residents on Kelly Hill are very concerned about our wells being affected. The county requiring Storedahl to check water levels monthly does not protect the quality of our water. Some property owners have already been forced onto city water due to their wells going dry because of the mining.

We feel like our community has been taken over by a company that is far more powerful and has much deeper pockets than we do. Therefore, we feel hopeless and very frustrated. We are constantly reminded how little control we have over our own private land by the state and county imposing restrictions, taxes and fees. And now, the owner of the pit and the Storedahl family have taken over the roads and made them unsafe, destroying the peace and quiet of Yacolt Mountain.

As often is the case in such conflicts, the citizens enduring the disruptions, dangers and inconveniences are given the least consideration as to whether or not a rock pit, for example, will dominate our community and environment. So, the idea of Pit Expansion on Yacolt Mountain will bring nothing but greater problems and safety issues to our community.

Sincerely,  
Richard and Candace Jones  
19404 NE Yacolt Mtn. Rd.

Yacolt, WA . 98675

**From:** [bflathefe@aol.com](mailto:bflathefe@aol.com)  
**To:** [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Subject:** Yacolt Mountain Quarry  
**Date:** Sunday, July 29, 2018 3:01:43 PM

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Message for Clark County Planning Commission

The Yacolt Mountain Quarry has become a less pleasant neighbor as the size of the operation has increased. The shaking from blasting and the noise from the crusher and other equipment has increased significantly over time so that on some days the noise is constant throughout the day. We are concerned that if the overlay is approved without increased restrictions on noise that the result will be a serious reduction in the quality of life in our area. This is true even though we live just south of Lucia Falls Park and therefore several miles from the quarry. A second concern is that while the Quarry is "hidden" from view for much of the valley of the East Fork of the Lewis River, with the overlay area the eyesore in what is now a beautiful and scenic valley will be much more visible. Our hope is that the Planning Commission will find ways to ensure that expansion of the quarry will not mean negative consequences for both near and more distant neighbors of the quarry.

Richard and Jann Leeuwenburg

July 30, 2018

Clark County Planning Commission  
PO Box 5000  
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

C/o Oliver Orjiako, Director Community Planning  
PO Box 9810  
Vancouver, WA 98666-9810  
[oliver.orjiako@clark.wa.gov](mailto:oliver.orjiako@clark.wa.gov)

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Expansion of Surface Mining Overlay (SMO) in Clark County; Yacolt Mt. Area

I respectfully suggest that the Clark County Planning Commission NOT allow expansion of the Surface Mining Overlay (SMO) for the Yacolt Mt. Mine. Our family has owned property near the area which is now the Yacolt Mtn. quarry since 1955. I have seen how the operation of the Yacolt Mtn. quarry has damaged the environment. We do not want more damage to the environment which an expansion of the Yacolt Mtn. quarry will cause.

Clark County has the responsibility pursuant to the Growth Management Act to protect the natural resources of water, forest, and fish habitat, while identifying and designating lands that have commercial significance for mineral extraction which are not in conflict with other nearby designated resource lands, nor which degrade the quality of life of the citizens of Clark County.

I. Some of the reasons for NOT expanding the area of the Yacolt Mt. Mine are:

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Stanley Greene  
PO Box 227  
Heisson, WA 98622

**From:** [Orjiako, Oliver](#)  
**To:** [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Cc:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comments Yacolt Mtn Quarry Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 8:25:40 AM

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Same comment from Greene. Thanks.



**Oliver Orjiako**  
Director  
COMMUNITY PLANNING

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**From:** Nick Greene [mailto:bigtruck959@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 12:00 AM  
**To:** Orjiako, Oliver  
**Subject:** Comments Yacolt Mtn Quarry Expansion

July 30, 2018

Clark County Planning Commission

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**From:** [Orjiako, Oliver](#)  
**To:** [Wiser, Sonja](#)  
**Cc:** [Albrecht, Gary](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Re- Send of 7/30/18 Comments Yacolt Mtn. Quarry Expansion  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 8:24:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [Mining to CC Planning 7-30-18.docx](#)

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FYI and for the PC and the record. Thanks.



**Oliver Orjiako**

Director  
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**From:** Nick Greene [mailto:bigtruck959@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 12:08 AM  
**To:** Orjiako, Oliver  
**Subject:** Re- Send of 7/30/18 Comments Yacolt Mtn. Quarry Expansion

Sirs:

Please see attached comment. I believe the last line of my address may be missing due to e-mail transmission error.

Please see attached document sent yesterday.

Thank you.

Stanley Greene  
P.O. Box 227  
Heisson, WA 98622