

Personal Letter Template

This template is designed to help you to express opposition to the Ranch Quarry proposal by focusing on its impact on rural life, property value, environment, and traffic

Instructions:

- **Replace** all text in **[brackets]** with your personal information.
- **Customize** and vary the Language. Sections in **red** (or indicated as optional) to reflect your specific situation (e.g., if you have a well, live on a specific stream, or are a farmer).
- **Submit** this letter to the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services (PDS) during the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) comment period.

NOTE: the email address may change when comments are requested on 4/29/26...we will update you.

Date: **[Date]**

To: Whatcom County Planning and Development Services

5280 Northwest Dr C, Bellingham, WA 98226

Via Email: [RanchQuarryEIS@co.whatcom.wa.us]

Re: Opposition to Ranch Quarry Proposal CUP2023-00001, SEPA2023-00005

What will the County do to make sure pedestrians, cyclists and drivers are not harmed by high volume double-rigged gravel trucks on the narrow, fragile, and no shoulder roadways of South Pass and Reese Hill Roads? It is well documented that these trucks do not and probably cannot stay in their lanes when navigating the corners of these winding, non commercial roadways. There is a history of accidents causing injuries and fatalities on these two roads. Most of the mining will happen in the summer months when so many people are on the road, creating a real danger to cyclists, drivers, pedestrians and children.

What would this gravel truck traffic do to the safety on the Kendall Highway? Cowden states that there will be 50 trucks per day, that means 4 to 6+ times an hour, 12 hours a day, 6 days a week for the next 50-100 years. There are no sidewalks and there have been deaths on this stretch of highway. Many individuals living in the Columbia Valley urban growth area use mass transit and must walk this dangerous corridor. We still don't know the exact amount of truck traffic this mine will add to our roads. We think that is negligence on the part of the planning department and Cowden.

Protecting the community should be your number one priority.