

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]

Dear Mr. Personious:

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

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Ranch Quarry. As a resident of **[Your Neighborhood/Road]** for **[Number]** years, I believe this project is incompatible with our rural community and will irreparably harm the quality of life in this area.

My objections to this proposal are based on the following serious concerns:

- **Impact on Rural Lifestyle & Quiet Enjoyment:** Our area is zoned/recognized for its quiet, rural character, which is the primary reason I live here. The noise from blasting, industrial crushers, and constant heavy truck traffic will destroy this, disrupting daily life and well-being.
- **Road Safety and Infrastructure:** The access routes (specifically of South Pass, Reese Hill and the Kendell Hwy are not okay for heavy, high-frequency industrial truck traffic. The expected 50+ trips daily will significantly increase the risk of accidents and noise in this rural residential area.
- **Environmental & Health Risks:** I am deeply concerned about air quality deterioration due to asbestos, silica dust and particulate matter (PM10, PM2.5), which can cause serious long-term health issues. Additionally, I fear the blasting will contaminate my well/water source and destroy local wetlands/habitat. The site is known to have asbestos, which is a severe health hazard.

- Property Value Reduction: Proximity to a new quarry, with its associated noise, traffic, and aesthetic damage, will create permanent, significant devaluation of my property.
- Alternative Land Use: This area is ideally suited for rural residential, agricultural, or tourism use, rather than heavy industrial activity. Also, the quarry is not necessary as other sources of rock already exist. AND, much of county aggregate and rock go to Lafarge plants in BC Canada. We need this natural resource here!

Optional: Insert personal anecdote, e.g., "I operate a small business/campground/farm nearby that relies on the quiet nature of this valley..."

I respectfully request that you address these concerns when considering environmental impacts this mine would have. Thank you for your time and for considering the safety and well-being of the current residents.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

[Your Printed Name]