



Gale Lim Proposed Gravel Pit

Opposition for Approval

I am opposed to the proposed open pit gravel mining operation proposed by Gale Lim Construction, for the following reasons

1. The operation will be conducted in a rural residential area with negative impacts to ground water, safety and property value declines due to this operation.
2. The site is located within an A zone flood hazard area with a high risk for flooding and has no designated flood elevation depth determined, per FEMA flood insurance rate map dated November 15, 1979, community panel no. 160018 0265 B, Panel 265 of 750 Bingham county, Idaho. A flood plane study should be conducted to ensure no negative impact on the adjacent properties will occur. The applicant has indicated a 12 foot high berm will be constructed around the perimeter of the site which will have a negative affect on the adjacent properties and will impact other sites by displacing potential flood water and potentially putting other properties in the flood zone.
3. The subject site is located adjacent to the Snake River and this further impacts flooding potential during high water runoff years, and could impact the health, safety and welfare of the public in this area.
4. The mining depth and shallow groundwater depth is a detriment to all adjacent properties due to potential ground water contamination from the mining of gravel as well as the materials used to conduct this type of operation, which will include use of oils, grease, products to make concrete, such as cement, fly ash, and other chemicals to produce concrete. Diesel fuel will be used to run these crushers and conveyer systems leading to potential spills and contamination. Also an asphalt batch plant is proposed to be used onsite and the methods, materials and petroleum products used for this product further enhances the risk for groundwater contamination of local culinary wells in long term use for many residents of this area. Any contamination of the ground water will be irreversible and will have long term effects on water consumption for all the local residents.
5. The safety of the general public should have great consideration over the profit of one man or business. The access onto Rose road from the proposed gravel operation is not suitable for semi trucks, and large commercial equipment that will be accessing this site when in use. The access onto Rose road will be dangerous to the public because the access is on a bridge in circular curve, over the interstate, which will not allow this large equipment to make a safe turn accessing Rose Road. The turning radius will force the trucks to turn into opposing traffic on a blind curve on said bridge, which makes for a dangerous situation to the traffic traveling on a 45 mph county road.

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6. The adjacent Rose Pond recreation area is a popular site for many people to ride ATV's motorcycles and camping in this area which provides a local area for people to enjoy. The heavy truck traffic associated with this proposed operation will not coincide with the recreation area, and there is a great risk for death or injury to users of this recreation area. There is potential conflict with these users and the commercial trucks using the same roadway and access.
7. The environmental impacts of this operation, including the loss of sensitive habitat, should weigh heavily in the decision to approve or disapprove this gravel pit. The wildlife, as well as the native vegetation will be greatly affected if this is approved.
8. What plans are in place for restoration and remediation of the site when the mining is complete?
Who will burden the costs of restoration and remediation?
What engineering studies have been done for the impact of this site?
What kind of testing and what ensures the quality of Rose Road, and the access road adjacent to Rose Road, that it can handle the impacts of the added weights of the equipment being operated on the public road?

In conclusion this proposal should be denied due to the abovementioned facts and risks to the public, without mentioning the negative property values that will go along with the mining of this site.

It is the responsibility of the County Commissioners to ensure the Health, Safety and Welfare of the local residents near this site and not ensure the profits for one company or person to benefit at the expense of others who live in the area.

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