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Hello,

We're writing to respectfully ask the Council to reject the expansion of the Egg Lake Quarry, the rezoning of Eagle Crest subdivision lots into mineral resource land and the MRLO designation for Egg Lake Quarry for the following reasons:

### Residential Rights:

We do not believe that the problems arising from quarry operations, including but not limited to: blasting, noise, odors, fumes, dust, smoke, the operation of machinery, and the storage and disposal of aggregate products are acceptable violations of our right to enjoy our residential subdivision property. Eagle Crest has been a residential subdivision long before the quarry began business. We have been negatively disrupted many times by blasting without prior warning or given incorrect blasting times. Residents as far away as Three

Corner Lake Road have been disrupted by the shock and noise of the blasts. The lack of concern or care for quarry neighbors is irresponsible and has resulted in sudden and alarming earthquake type vibrations, property damage, physical and mental distress. This lack of concern and respect is just one of many examples of what appears to be business as usual for ELQ.

#### Safety concerns:

Boulders have fallen from the quarry next to Egg Lake road and are currently perched on the hillside and some were in the ditch on Egg Lake Road. We have photos. Apparently there is no concern for the safety of bikers, walkers or vehicles on Egg Lake Road should these and future boulders become dislodged by further blasting or mild earthquakes and fall to the roadway below.

#### Wetland concerns:

The quarry operations are across the street from the wetlands adjoining Egg Lake as seen from the above photo. Run off from quarry operations could negatively affect the water quality and environment. The operators of Egg Lake Quarry were required to pay fines for not providing water quality discharge monitoring reports for all four quarters of 2019. Again, this lack of responsibility for operating under required regulations concerns us for possible future violations and disrespect for the area residents and environment.

#### Accountability Concerns:

The owner of ELQ has purchased two Eagle Crest residential subdivision lots. Please see the attached photo showing ELQ has already blasted away portions of both lot number 21 and 23 violating land use for a residential subdivision. He has trucked in many tons of rock and raised the property level on Lot 23 by many feet with no permit, he blatantly ignored laws about noise violations for weeks and violated the stop work order, again with no repercussion. He has unpaid fines for other violations. He had a driveway permit granted by mistake because no one came up to the property to verify where it was to be located. We respectfully request that council members come and see the problems for themselves on Egg Lake Road and up on Crestview Drive. A visual inspection will speak for itself. If ELQ has not been held accountable for these violations, what else will he be allowed to get away with.

We would like to be made aware if any of the following studies have been taken into consideration or completed:

Has the County done a study to see what happens to the stability of homes in close proximity of the quarry when blasting occurs? There is currently an older modular home perched right above the quarry, it is easily visible from Egg Lake Road and the owner of the quarry sent the owner of this home a letter telling her he intends to further remove the shelf directly under her home (this is visible also) Is this home safe from being blasted right off the cliff? She has small children that play in the yard.

Has the county done a study to see what the impact is on the wetlands right across the street from the Egg Lake Quarry due to blasting, smoke, fumes and tree removal? Water runoff accountability is a requirement for acquiring building permits and should be a major concern for rock and tree removal in a quarry as well.

Has the county examined past violations by Egg Lake Quarry regarding failure to file water quality discharge reports to the State of WA for all four quarters of 2019?

Do you consider it a nuisance when homes in the vicinity of the blasting shake violently enough to cause things to fall off shelves and the distress it causes residents? Similar to the exact same fear and concern for their safety and that of their homes as an earthquake when they are not even told blasting will occur?

Has the county done any research to assure properties in the area will not have their wells impacted by the blasting so close to our water supplies.

These are real concerns to all of us who live near the Egg Lake Quarry.

Thank you,

Rex and Jaime Ellsworth