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From: Ann Beier
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 8:06 AM
To: Joanne Fenderson; Plan
Subject: RE: Proposed pit mining Stahancyk property

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Community Development**

Good morning,

Thank you for your comments. We will enter them into the record.

Best –

Ann Beier, Crook County Community Development

From: Joanne Fenderson <Joanne.Fenderson@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 9:59 PM
To: Plan <Plan@co.crook.or.us>
Subject: Proposed pit mining Stahancyk property

To whom it may concern,

I want to be on record in opposing the proposed extension of the rock pit mining on the Stahancyk property. We will be losing 80 acres of prime farmland .The proposal says the Vanier site will be reclaimed for future agricultural use . Does that mean it will be productive hay ground again? That is a hard one to swallow. I trust this will not turn into Lake Stahancyk. Farmland / grazing land is being lost to development in this region. With this drought we need all the farm ground in hay and crop production not mined. Secondly my concern is for the potential adverse effects on ground water and wells. The hydrogeologic portion of the proposal says that 44 wells have the potential for being adversely impacted .We live off Grimes Road directly north of the proposed mining site and most of us have small acreages with OLD shallow wells. Since the current extraction on the east portion of the pit is encountering ground water how can adjacent properties not be impacted and possibly contaminated? I see no hydrology studies showing the direction of ground water / aquifer flows in this area. The proposed extraction depth of up to 35 feet at the Vanier site seems to be ill advised in an area of shallow well depths. WE ARE IN A DROUGHT. I would like to see some the wells off Grimes Road directly north of the Vanier site monitored and the pit owners responsible for mitigating any adverse effects . We love our Crook County area and rural lifestyle. We hear the machinery and see the mounds of material and the dust that goes with it. .Maybe this will go with the Facebook expansion on the rim that visually looks like a prison at night. . I hope you make the right decision for your constituents.

Thanks

Dan Fenderson