

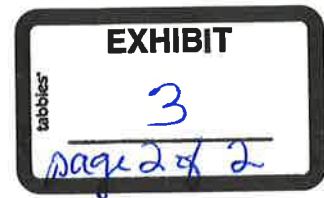


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Thank you for your interest in our concerns as neighbors to the project.  
Always, Billie Johnson



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Crook County Planning Dept.

To Whom It May Concern,

In regards to the extension of the gravel /sand mining on the Vanier property from the Woodward site, as a property owner near the proposed site, I am not in favor of its approval.

The stipulations on the Woodward site were not addressed by Knife River or the county to make sure they were being met. How can I be assured they will be met at this new location?

Mammoth bones and artifacts were taken from the site. I have no doubt more artifacts are on that property as arrowheads have been found in the area. They should not be disturbed, and possibly destroyed, by this operation.

The Woodward site dust hasn't been controlled as was stated in the previous agreement. Why should myself and nearby residents expect it will be controlled at this new site?

The water table that they are proposing to dig down to is the depth of my well. This means they will definitely gain access to the aquifer where my pump is. This could not only negatively impact the quality of my well water, it may cause my well to run dry or not produce enough to continue as a working dairy farm. I cannot afford the cost of hiring a drilling company to drop my well pump deeper.

The land previously mined hasn't been reclaimed to growing a crop as was proposed before project started. Just as the stipulation to control dust, this was also not done. The land remains disturbed and not returned to being arable.

I cannot trust that any new agreement will be honored looking at what has happened in the past. This extension will most likely negatively impact my well, the value of my land and perhaps my livelihood as a dairy farmer if approved.

Sincerely,

Billie Wheeler-Johnson