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EXHIBIT

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Woodward Site Visit 10-26-21

1. Question asked - Is this a normal operating day at the site? There wasn't any cell mining being performed that day when the site visit was being held. Normal operations include a track hoe digging and placing material on two large dump trucks. The trucks deliver and unload material on the stockpiles. This equipment runs the entire day until the operation is shut down at the end of the work day. The noise produced from the equipment is loud and can be heard by the neighbors even though there is an eleven foot berm installed. The 20 foot berm doesn't mitigate noise levels nor does the 11 foot berm. At other times during the mining process, earth movers along with bulldozers are used to move overburden around the site. This adds to the noise and dust produced by equipment that normally runs daily at the site. The processing site runs conveyor systems to process the materials that are mined. These systems run all day and the noise produced is heard all day and every day that the plant is operating.
2. Question asked - Will the berms be removed after mining is completed? The berms will not be removed from the Woodward Site until all mining is completed for the Vanier Site. The so called topsoil from the berms won't be added to the reclaimed site for many years to follow if the Vanier Site will be approved to go forward with mining.
3. Question asked - Is that groundwater in the current cell that is being mined? It was stated by the operator that there is 2 to 3 feet of water standing in the cell that is currently being mined. If that is the static groundwater level, how much overburden will be placed in the mined cell after material has been extracted? Refer to Zimmerlee exhibit #44.

Hearing on 10/20/21

1. It was stated that the 13 acres reclaimed and planted yielded over 6 tons per acre. In reference to Zimmerlee exhibit #44, it was half of that number. Six tons per acre was an overall number for Porfily and Woodward combined.
2. Overburden and topsoil is mixed. It is not possible to keep them separated during reclamation.
3. There is no clarity to what mining 5 acre cells one at a time means. The overburden is placed on other areas of the property until it is used for reclamation. This means that there is more open and exposed ground other than 10 acres total.
4. Where has the trench system been used to dewater while mining? Has it been used previously or is currently being used on the dry side of the mountains? Central Oregon?
5. It's easy to send in positive responses about Knife River and their operating history when one has done business in the past, is currently doing business, or will do business in the near future. Made money, making money, or will be making money.
6. Knife River has said that they are currently buying gravel from companies in the area. The Pence/Kelly exhibit #33 doesn't state that their concrete needs aren't being met. Knife River has met the demand, it just cost's **them** a little bit more money to supply it.

7. I stand corrected on saying at the last hearing that 25% of material goes to Facebook and 75% goes to central oregon. It's in the record, 30% and 70%.