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Hello, Tua,  
Since the public hearing was postponed until October 13th, We wanted to include more information. Please see attached.  
Thank you,  
Ryanne & Stacy Mills

October 11, 2021

Long Range Planning Division  
Yakima County Public Services

Attn: Tua Vang

RE: Case numbers: LRN2021-00001/SEP2021-00010 Town of Naches Emergency Urban Growth Area Amendment.

Since the public hearing was extended/continued to Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, We wanted to send additional comments regarding our property at 10381 Old Naches Hwy, parcel # 171404-12404 9.98 acres.

Our house is a brick farmhouse built in 1935, with a basement. There are 12 steps leading into the basement. We have steps leading into the house as well as out the backdoor. We have an oil furnace for heat and no air conditioning.

Our household is 3 generations including our 79-year-old mother (in law) that lives with us and a mix of health conditions including oxygen tanks. The number of stairs going up and down makes maneuvering difficult. The lack of air conditioning makes many summer days/nights almost unbearable.

We decided to put in for a short subdivision on our property that would divide off the old existing house with 1 acre and allow us to build an updated new residence on the rest of our 9.98 acreage. Because we are zoned AG, we chose to subdivide the 1 acre while keeping the rest of the property to live on and farm.

We want to make it clear.... we did NOT just start subdividing our property in hopes of selling as many acres as possible. We do NOT want to develop our property that way. But we felt it was important for us to be able to build a one story, environmentally smart, and efficient residence to support our family's needs/conditions. That is why we put in for the short subdivision.

Also, our property was in old cherry trees which we took out after moving in. Now that ground has rested, we are moving forward with farming it the way we think best supports our family. We want to work into a sustainable future with crops, aquaponics, and large/small livestock that can add to our community and other resources.

We do not want to be held up with restrictions that limit us on where we can put greenhouses, animal housing, the number of and kind of large/small livestock, the type of farming, and how we buy and sell our products. Basically, there are too many restrictions to do what we want in Residential zoning which is why we purchased this Ag land property.

Urban farming is NOT the same and if we wanted to urban farm, we could have purchased a tiny city lot with houses all around it. But instead, we purchased 9.98 acres surrounded by orchards and farmland zoned AG for this very reason.

Please do NOT change our zoning to residential. We need to protect and use our land that has been in prime agricultural zoning for years.

Stacy & Ryanne Mills