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Coos County Planning  
250 N. Baxter St.  
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Petition against the reopening and expansion of the Smith Quarry regarding file #HBCU-19-001

I am opposed to the conditional use permit because of concerns about reopening and expanding the Smith Quarry on the air quality and truck traffic impacts our area. I feel there is incomplete or a lack of specific information in the available application and permit details. Items like the exact equipment expected to be used, hours of operation of that equipment, monitoring of that equipment's exhaust and dust particle output, expected amount of aggregate to be produced, expected amount of dust, engine exhaust and other air pollutants. While several of these items are required to be addressed in Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) or Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) applications and permits, they are not available for public review at this time. The need for additional permits would not be until after this preliminary application and study were completed and approved. This is of great concern to me due to my own issues with allergies and asthma.

Current traffic on Coos River Lane, especially during rainy periods, has degraded the road to the point of failure and has required major road repairs over the last 2 years. A recent culvert replacement project has added to the road's instability. How has the issue of additional trucking been addressed by the county road maintenance department? Who is going to be responsible for the additional maintenance? How many trucks per day will be going down river or up river? Will ODOT be placing a limit on the number of trucks per day? How will these trucks be covered to keep the fugitive dust down as they travel? Will there be a system in place to keep the Coos River Lane clean from additional mud and debris from the trucks leaving the quarry? That area of the road is very narrow and if it is wet,

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the mud left on the road can become very slippery and there is no barrier to block people from slipping into the river. One man ended up in the river this winter.

Another concern that we have are the noises that will be generated from the blasting, grinding and back-up beeping of the machinery. We understand that Mr. Smith also has noise concerns as he has called the Sheriff Dept. about the neighboring church service being too loud when they have their outdoor services in the summer. I know there is not a noise ordinance in the county but, we would like the County Planning Department Board to place a time limit on the hours that noise can be generated if and when the quarry was to reopen. We would respectfully request the hours to be no earlier than 8am and no later than 4pm Mon-Fri. This would allow the families that live near a chance for their children to sleep uninterrupted, my husband who works from home a chance to have his important 7am meeting, and most folks who live nearby the chance to get our day started before the constant noise would intrude into our homes.

A final concern is the use of water for the quarry. Has there been a study on the amount of water the quarry is expected to use? Because of Mr. Smith's allegation that there is not enough water for his cattle and the people that reside in the local community to share, where will Mr. Yates be finding an appropriate water supply? Until our Upper Coos Water System dispute is resolved, NONE of our water should be used for this mine.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Mlynarczyk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Susan Mlynarczyk