

From: [Grice, Rachel](#)
To: [Connie Acker](#)
Subject: Washougal Pit Comments from 356th resident, Rachel Grice
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 7:53:04 AM

Dear Gorge Commissioners,

The Washougal Pit has been relatively quiet the last couple weeks, but not completely. There have been occasional trucks going up and down. Most disturbing was a water line survey truck that was out a month ago making readings and marks on 356th Ave and Evergreen Highway. They came back a week and a half ago and made white markings (which indicate excavating) along both 356th Ave. and Evergreen Highway. After talking to the surveyors (approximately a month ago) I immediately sent an e-mail and pictures to the National Scenic Gorge Executive Director, Clark County, and our lawyers. I did not hear back from the Gorge Executive Director and Clark County passed the e-mail around to several offices, each saying in essence that they didn't have jurisdiction over this type of activity. Richard Davio did respond saying he "thought" Nutter and Zimmerly had a water line in the (yet-to-be-approved) application, but didn't confirm.

I am very concerned that Nutter and Zimmerly are moving forward with surveying, marking, and excavating our road when there has not been an approved application. In addition, as a neighbor, I have not received any type of communication regarding these markings or what they will mean for our residence or our travel on the road. The only way I learned that the men were surveying for a water line is because they were in front of my house for a couple hours a few days in a row and I asked them.

Additionally, this morning, Tuesday, April 14th, I saw two Nutter gravel trucks head up to the mine at 7:15am. These are the first gravel trucks I've seen for 3 weeks, although there have continued to be work trucks going up to the mine.

Despite a stop work order and a shelter in place order, the Washougal Pit continues to press forward with work. Please do anything you can to enforce the stop work order and force Nutter and Zimmerly to complete the application process. For over two years these two companies have profited off illegal mining and excavating and we as neighbors and a community feel very ignored and unheard by both the Gorge Commission and the County. Without strict enforcement and consequences it's clear that Nutter and Zimmerly will not capitulate to the rules and regulations the rest of us in the National Scenic Gorge are expected to follow.

Please do all you can to stop this illegal and harmful activity.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Rachel Grice

Resident of 356th Ave., the road leading to the Washougal Pit