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Community Development



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Crook Co. Community Planning Div.

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10639 SE Juniper Canyon Rd
Prineville OR 97754

On map our place is 1666-0300

We moved here in 2000. It was our understanding the now Green Bar pit was no longer in operation. I believe it was 2017 they reopened the pit.

We have animals on our place that are very frightened by the blasting. At one time one of our horses needed vet visit. He cut his head open at the blast.

It is my understanding there are 15 dwellings in the impact area. Also my understanding is some folks signed upon their purchase of their properties

a "waiver" regarding their property and the mining operation. Lots 1-10. Several property owners have not.

Complaints of noise pollution, dust pollution and the blasting itself many. I believe it was stated there were very few. The attorney (Lisa Andrach) and Mr. Brown DO NOT LIVE here on the properties surrounding the Green Bar pit.

There are 6 other aggregate pits in the Prineville area. The farthest one is @ 8 miles out of Prineville city limits.

Green Bar hauls down into the city area almost daily. They do not strictly supply up in the Juniper Canyon area.

As far as the blasting, we have only been notified one time since 2017.

We used to have wildlife come through our properties. Deer and antelope primarily. No longer.

Even being 2 lots over from the Green Bar pit, when they blast our house shakes. It feels like an earthquake. The epicenter of the blasting reaches far beyond its immediate area. Just as an earthquake does.

They have said it is a dry pit yet in their own words they admit to running water at their crusher for dust abatement. It isn't dry nor do they do a very good job of keeping dust down. At times a person can hardly see the road we drive on.

Pertaining to groundwater their use of water they use for the 7-8 weeks of crushing is significant. The water runs continually. If the crusher is running so is the water. That is several hours a day for 7-8 weeks.

The blasting can cause new fissures and cracks in the ground for several thousand feet that most definitely changes our water table.

We have had issues with Dick Bartels over several issues.

The owners of 1616-0101, 1616-0102 & 1616-0103 were also taken in by Dick Bartels. He threatened to cut our fence over the matter.

We won that suit as well.

The overall picture to us is this pit is not as significant as is stated. With 6 other pits in the Prineville area shouldn't the PEOPLE be considered more important than the dollar value.

Would you want to live by any Aggregate pit. If your answer is no, I believe that is the only answer in this matter

We definitely **OPPOSE!**

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