



City of Oakridge
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Re; Lane County Land Use Application Files 509-PA15-05803 & 509-PA15-05804 Old Hazeldell
Quarry

Commission Chair Faye Stewart
Lane County Board of County Commissioners
125 E. 8th St
Eugene, OR 97401

Commissioner Stewart

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Oakridge in regards to Lane County Land use applications 509-PA15-05803 and 509-PA15-05804 for the Old Hazeldell Quarry.

The City of Oakridge supports the process that the Lane County Land Management is facilitating on behalf of the Lane County Planning Commission and ultimately the Board of County Commissioners. The process appears to be fair and impartial which is extremely important when citizen engagement is a cornerstone of the democratic process. Old Hazeldell Quarry and the involved parties from Save TV Butte have been allowed to present their case to the Lane County Planning Commission and if they choose to the Lane County Board of County Commissioners.

The City Council would like to voice the following concerns in regards to the Old Hazeldell Quarry.

Though the Old Hazeldell Quarry has presented a surface water mitigation plan, the City would like to insure that this important aspect of the project does not get lost in the process. The City has been assured that the west side of the hill will not be logged except for proper forest management and a service road. Those trees serve as a natural sound and dust buffer to the City of Oakridge. We would like to see this added as a condition of approval.

Old Hazeldell Quarry stated that they would agree to building a trail through their property, to assist in minimizing the transportation concerns on Dunning Road. An additional transportation concern is the egress and ingress off of Fish Hatchery Road onto Highway 58. This is an Oregon Department of Transportation issue, but the City of Oakridge believes it should be investigated thoroughly. The City of Oakridge wants to insure that these concerns are entered into the record.

As a governing body it is very difficult to balance economic development in an economically depressed area and the preservation of the natural resources that surround our community.

One of the City's core values is as follows:

Resources: Environmental safeguarding through responsible stewardship of our natural resources.

The City of Oakridge is not for or against the Old Hazeldell Quarry. The City feels that we should present the concerns expressed by the City Council and those they represent.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this correspondence on behalf of the City and to share our thoughts on this matter.

Respectfully

James B. Coey
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James B. Coey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the end.