

October 1, 2023

Case File: T3-2017-9165/T4-2017-9166/EP-2017-6780

Re: Public hearing Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 9:30AM

Gentlemen and Ladies:

This application should be DENIED

*Reason: No fire protection, inadequate exit on a narrow winding country road. No fire hydrants, only well water. In case of a wildfire, no one would be able to leave the area. Think Lahaina, Maui and Paradise, California to understand the gravity of this decision.*

Explanation:

McNamee road is 5 miles long, has 120+- families, 200 +- vehicles. McNamee is an old logging road that was paved years ago. It is winding, narrow, no passing anywhere, a school bus and a fire truck could barely meet on a curve without possibly having to back up.

With a wildfire, McNamee will be clogged immediately with vehicles, downed power lines, broken tree limbs, and on the north end a wooden train trestle that would burn easily, rendering the entire road impassable in either direction. For the families or visitors who are here there will be NO Way Out!

If you pass this application and add another 25 vehicles and 50 +- people you are setting up the perfect storm for mass cremations as people will not be able to leave and will die in their vehicles. The situation on McNamee Road is dire as is, and this application, if approved, will only make it worse. Do not be complicit in what was a serious mistake by Multnomah County to ever have allowed building homes here originally. (Including mine) This is Oregon State Forestry land, not a walk in the park. I ask that you please vote to deny this application.

Sincerely,

Dorinne Pedersen,

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