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RE:

Planning Department Permit #2021-12-001
Map Number: 18S44E24; Tax lots: 2700
Malheur County Reference Number: 13520

To whom it may concern,

We (Mike & Jamie Dotson) are filing a formal written letter of objection regarding the subdivision of the property permit mentioned in the header (#2021-12-001).

Aside from the fact that most of us along Birch Road moved to this location to be away from subdivisions such as the one proposed in the permit, the planning for a subdivision poses a number of other issues.

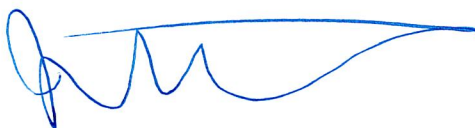
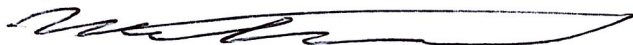
Adding additional houses and associated traffic would substantially increase the traffic on a section of Birch Road that is already very dangerous, especially in the winter time. Along with being a blind section of road due to the incline, it is quite narrow at the corner and becomes very slick in the winter time.

The additional traffic from a housing development will cause farm equipment transportation to become increasingly difficult at an already difficult intersection.

Adding additional housing will also add additional strain to an already strained water table being used for domestic and farm use. With the change in irrigation from flood irrigation to using sprinklers in the area, less water is making it into the water table. As such, many of the houses, especially in the area of the proposed housing development, are starting to see their wells dry up with heavy use in the summer time.

There are also concerns with the access to irrigation water rights and Z-pipe locations that would require additional construction and property intrusions.

Regards,



Mike & Jamie Dotson