

Good Afternoon Tatiana,

My name is Brian Borjas, my wife Pamela and I own the property at 450 and 451 Jasmine Road. When we first toured the properties we fell in love with the amazing views of the valley, the abundance of wildlife and the sheer peacefulness it offered, we chose immediately to make it our forever home.

While we haven't lived here as long as our other neighbors, we also feel and share their frustration for the activities that have gone on bordering our property and theirs. What we thought would be peaceful living has been just the opposite. We chose this property to get away from the commercial footprint of the city and to move to an area that we were both raised in... the country!

I have spent most of my career working in the mining industry, everything from coal mining to rock quarries as well as gold mines. With all my experience over the years as well as my certified experience as a surface and underground mining instructor I have never seen such disregard for the rules as I have seen with the property above us being mined by Mr. Lee.

After reviewing the application as well as all the findings submitted it concerns me at the inadequate fashion at which Mr. Lee has submitted his application as well as the lack of professional testing that is required to open and operate a facility.

As with any mine or quarry operation, there must be a mine plan submitted as well as a reclamation plan, neither of which has been submitted. These ensure that all avenues are researched and addressed before a mine or quarry can be opened. Mr. Lee has proven he has no regard for doing things properly and by the letter of the law. He has received a citation for mining without a permit and yet he continues to move forward with his operation. He has been ordered by a state agency (DOGAMI) that is charged with the monitoring and control of mining operations to cease operation and to complete reclamation work to bring the area back to its former status. Again, he has no regard for following that order and continues to move forward to again attempt to receive a permit in hopes that if granted the permit it will somehow clear the order from DOGAMI.

There is one last thing I would like to bring to your attention, Sand and Gravel operations follow under the laws and regulations of DOGAMI here in Oregon. They also follow under the jurisdiction of the Federal Mine Safety Health Administration. As for which MSHA also has strict guidelines as to the permitting of mines and quarries. Each mine must have a mine identification number, an operation plan, reclamation plan and a safety plan all of which are covered in Regulations and Standards in 30 CFR Parts 1-199, As of this letter Mr. Lee has not applied for or addressed the proper guidelines setout by this federal agency.

As landowners we are greatly concerned as to what ramifications may come if Mr. Lee is issued a permit. What will this do to our land values, not to mention the threat of ground contamination that may impact on our wells and water supply. What impact will this operation have on our local wildlife that call this hill their home.

We implore you to consider all that has been submitted and to again turn down a permit for this operation.

Best regards,

Brian & Pam Borjas