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**Subject:** Statlu Gravel Pit Application 2020-01  
**Date:** August 31, 2020 9:16:03 AM

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To Wendy Bales and all other persons(cc'd above) with the authority and tenet to stop this SRI application :

Thirteen years ago, we built our home in Eagle Point on Morris Valley Road . This area is one of natural beauty - pristine and ecologically sensitive. We are located next to the Chehalis Flats Bald Eagle and Salmon Preserve and the Sandpiper Golf Resort.

In 2016, the issue of gravel extraction 12 km up the Chehalis Forest Services Road was addressed. We appealed to the FVRD and the SRI application was denied. We were shocked to discover that once again, this issue has been brought before you. One small notice tacked to a pole near the transfer station was spotted by a neighbour. Is this considered as our“public notice”? As a community, we have numerous concerns relating to health and safety , water source contamination, environmental destruction and loss of the peace and serenity this area provides.

Wendy, please include us on your e-mail list and keep us informed regarding this matter. It is of great importance to our community that we are not disregarded by the “powers that be” whether they are local, regional, provincial, federal or otherwise.

Thank you for the work you do on our behalf.

Paul and Fran Gielens  
Eagle Point Residents, Harrison Mills,BC

**From:** [billreedman](#)  
**To:** [Graham Daneluz](#)  
**Cc:** [Wendy Bales](#); [Ana Maria Gonzalez](#); [Jim Dunkley](#); [Ru Pope](#); [Kelly Franz](#); [Bruce Rolston](#); [John Horgan](#); [Andrew Wilkinson](#); [Sonia Furstenau](#); [Laurie Throness](#); [Doug Donaldson](#)  
**Subject:** [SUSPECTED SPAM] The Statlu Pit Application  
**Date:** August 22, 2020 2:17:43 PM

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Dear Mr. Daneluz,

I am writing to you to express our concern regarding the proposed commercial gravel pit operations permit 2020-01 for Statlu Resources Inc., 12 km up Chehalis Forest Service Road in Area C of the Fraser Valley.

This proposal would greatly increase the number of gravel trucks on the Chehalis Forest Service Road. This road already is used by numerous logging trucks and also extensively used by the general public.

There are already noise and dust problems created by all this truck traffic and this would only be magnified by the increased traffic created by Statlin Resources Inc. To our knowledge no consideration has been made to minimize dust or noise. Another problem is large rocks lodging between the tandem tires when these trucks are on the gravel roads. Once these trucks get on pavement the rocks tend to fly off and potentially hit other vehicles. I have had my windshield shattered twice by such occurrences. It is only a matter of time until someone is seriously hurt as a result of these rocks.

I understand that commercial operations are necessary but the proposed permit has made no allowance for the noise, dust, and general safety of the residents in the area and the public in general.

I ask that our concerns be adequately addressed when reviewing this proposed permit.

Yours sincerely,  
Bill and Linda Reedman  
Harrison Mills, B.C.

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E

**From:** [Jacquie Carrier](#)  
**To:** [Wendy Bales](#); [Wendy](#)  
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**Subject:** Statlu Pit Application  
**Date:** August 20, 2020 9:43:28 PM

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To Wendy Bales, and to anyone that can do anything to stop or change this Application (cc'd above):

I was appalled several days ago when I was forwarded a picture of a notice taped up on a telephone pole just around the corner from where we live. Had my neighbor not sent this to me my husband and I, along with several dozen neighbors, would never have heard about this application at all.

This area where we live is primarily retired people though many new homes have been bought in the past year or two by younger families as well. It is a thriving community and I can honestly say we have never lived in a place where neighbors care and help each other as much as they do here. It is a beautiful part of the province with the ski hill twenty minutes up the road, the Harrison Bay right at the bottom of our street and we see people wheeling canoes down the street to launch at the bottom all the time. We personally back up to one of the most beautiful golf courses around, The Sandpiper Golf course and they are very busy all the time with weddings, beautiful cabin rentals, the clubhouse and restaurant, and the golfers are many. The First Nations up the road from us is active in many future property plans for the area. It is also an extremely popular ATving area and on the weekends there are many of them.

The one and only four way stop where the Chehalis Forest Road crosses over Morris Valley Road before getting to Lougheed Highway is a very busy place. Besides all of the locals, there are all the tourists that come to Eagle watch, golf, ski, fish, or stay at the many campgrounds along the Harrison or Chehalis Rivers. The salmon hatchery is along here. On top of all of that we are dealing already with the many logging trucks that use the roads as well. ALL of these vehicles go through the same four way stop to get anywhere. Many people barely stop when they get to it as the attitude of "we are out in the country" tends to make them less careful than they would be in town. There are constant near misses there already. And NOW we are being told that they want a further 60 or more gravel trucks that will be coming back and forth every week, six days a week through the same already congested area? This is a terrible idea and there WILL be accidents if it goes ahead.

Secondly, the Chehalis Forestry road is a dusty gravel road. Already on the weekends the neighbors are always complaining and commenting on the amount of dust that is raised by the ATV's alone. The other day when I looked out our back windows at the golf course I thought at first there must be a fire from the thick haze outside. I have asthma and on days like that I already have to stay inside. If the gravel trucks are allowed to work to that capacity it would be completely detrimental to our continued good health. In Harrison Lane just across Morris Valley from myself the dust that coats their gardens and yards some weekends is just awful already, without all the added trucks. Another worry is silt that would wash down from the road into several spawning streams and the hatchery below.

There are just so many issues wrong here. SAFETY with added traffic, HEALTH with the exponential amount of dust, ENVIRONMENTALLY for all the wildlife and waterways.

The least that would help would be if the Chehalis Forest Road was paved for several kilometres up the mountain. That would help with the HEALTH issue at least.

The SAFETY issue is one that I have heard no solution for at all. Many kids on dirt bikes also use the gravel pit area to race up and down the piles on weekends. The fact that the gravel pit area is on both sides of the road (so they ride back and forth between them) adds to the *accident waiting to happen* theme here. With so much activity on the road from tourists/kids I cringe at the thought of all those large dump trucks rumbling down the narrow road on a constant basis.

It also makes us very worried in regard to the possible re-emergence of the need in the future of the applicant for either a “backload” and/or a “trans load facility”. They tried to have that passed before. The thought of unknown or contaminated backload is extremely worrisome. As always supposed washpits (not sure what they are called) may not be enough to stop contamination from seeping into the groundwater then down the hill.

In general, this is just a terrible location for this gravel pit to be. However, if some serious thought is given to the issues arising from it, hopefully someone can come up with a solution or compromise that would address them.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully, Jacquie Carrier

Resident Eagle Point, Harrison Mills, B.C.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Chris [mailto: [REDACTED]@com]

> Sent: August 20, 2020 9:13 AM

> To: Kristen Kohuch <kkohuch@fvrd.ca>

> Cc: AnaMaria.Gonzalez@gov.bc.ca; ralph.leon@stsailles.com; Rob Sciotti < [REDACTED] >; wyatt lepine

< [REDACTED] >

> Subject: Chehalis forest service road

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> Good morning Kristen

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> I happen to come across a notice regarding the use of the Chehalis forest service road and was a little disappointed that the property owners that would be most affected by.

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> The information that was on the notice was not was not sent directly to the property owners.

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> It seem like the notice was directed to recreational users only.

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> This summer the use of the forest service road has increased tenfold and the dust has affected our families health.

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> My recommendation to the regional district is that the Chehalis forest service road is treated with some kind of dust control for the first 2km and that perhaps a proper informational sign be designed and installed at the entrance of the Chehalis forest service road.

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> Some ideas that could be included on the sign could be

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> Speed limit

> What you pack in, you pack out

> No camping or camp fires in non designated camp sites No cell service Parking on service roads?

> Fire restrictions

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> I have lived off of the Chehalis Forest Service Rd for the past [REDACTED] years and have seen it all.

> Please call me at [REDACTED] to discuss this matter further

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> Kind Regards,

> Chris

> Sent from my iPad - please excuse any mistakes.

**From:** [Art Carter](#)  
**To:** [Wendy BALES](#); [Graham Daneluz](#); [doug donaldson mla](#); [Kelly Franz](#)  
**Subject:** STATLU PIT APPLICATION FOR THE CHEHALIS VALLEY AREA  
**Date:** August 20, 2020 1:43:03 PM

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Dear Ms Bales Dir Area "C" and other members of the FVRD and Province of British Columbia

Our names are Art and Margaret CARTER, of 70 14550 Morris Valley Road, Harrison Mills, B.C.

This area has mountains, ski hill, golf course and waterways that cause this to be one of the best recreation areas in the province. Sandpiper Golf Resort has spent millions of dollars to enhance their development, there are housing developments around the golf course and other residences up the Morris Valley. Weaver Creek spawning area is very popular with Weaver lake and several others small lakes in the area. This area is active throughout the year with people involved in recreation, this includes recreational motor sports, camping, boating and fishing up the Chehalis Valley. It has fast become one of the Fraser Valley/Greater Vancouver destinations for recreation, camping, boating, skiing and fishing. The Harrison, Chehalis River and Elbow Creek are all spawning areas. We are fortunate to live in one of the best areas of the province.

The placement of a gravel pit in this area is totally out of character for the area. The increased traffic, noise from crushers, and potential environmental impacts to our water table is alarming. The pit at Lake Errock is an eye soar to tourism and residents alike. The entire area has long been a forestry and logging area, the recreational aspect of the area has been able to integrate and work with each other. You could not do this with a gravel pit

The area is serviced by #7 Hwy, it is a single lane hwy that has several bridges between Agassiz and Mission. There are at least two gravel pits between Harrison Mills and Mission. The Hwy services these two pits along with other commercial and personal traffic. The hwy is beyond its capacity, The heavy truck traffic already causes excess stress to this highway, rocks on the road and damage to other vehicles.

This is a recreational area. The long term development of the area should be directed towards recreation, residential and some commercial. A gravel pit does not fit and we strongly oppose this application.

FVRD, could you please forward my position to any agencies I have missed.

Thank you

Art and Margaret Carter.

**Kristen Kohuch**

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**From:** Mike LakeErrock [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 11, 2020 5:05 PM  
**To:** Kristen Kohuch  
**Cc:** Jeff Denise Rempel; Wendy Bales; Wendy Bales  
**Subject:** Easc n board meeting comments

Hello,

Please include my support for having public consultation in regards to the Statlu pit prior to any approvals being made.

In addition, please also note that I am in support of the variance for the Rempels to install a gangway to connect their two buildings. I cannot understand why staff are against this variance that has zero impact in the community, yet seems to favour the gravel operation that has a negative impact to all residents.

Thank you.

Mike Armstrong  
Lake Errock

**Kristen Kohuch**

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**From:** BRUCE TOPP [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 11, 2020 6:12 PM  
**To:** Kristen Kohuch  
**Subject:** Statlu

Dear Sir: as a member of a community committee and as a person who made a presentation to the Fvrd regarding the possibility of Statlu getting approval for the dumping of contaminated soil in the same area I demand that a public hearing be held requiring Statlu Resources to fully disclose their intentions. Our water is the most important resource! If there is going to be development at the Sandpiper golf course they also will be drawing on our water supply.

There was a reason that the Fvrd denied a permit to Statlu a couple of years ago. Nothing has changed since that time.

I ask that the Fvrd deny any permits until there is full public consultation.

Bruce Topp, owner at Eagle

**Kristen Kohuch**

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**From:** sonya/wayne gustason [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 12, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** Kristen Kohuch; Bill Dickey; Dennis Adamson; Taryn Dixon; Terry Raymond; Orion Engar; Wendy Bales; Al Stobbart; Hugh Davidson  
**Subject:** Chehalis Forestry road

To staff and directors of FVRD.

Please have this information presented at a public meeting regarding the proposed mine in area C on Chehalis forestry road.

The additional heavy traffic from trucks hauling gravel would over load the forestry road and make it an industrial road. At this time the users are, logging trucks, water plant transportation, prison, residences, logging camp and a very heavy recreational use.

The Chehalis road where it meets Morris Valley road has gravel on the the pavement , damage and pot holes from all the traffic on the gravel road.

On the section of the forestry road in front of the Morris Valley dump is in constant need of grading, why should I have to wash my car every time I go to the dump? The increased traffic will only make the road worse. How many other areas in FVRD have to drive on a gravel road to get rid of their garbage? This is an essential service.

The increased traffic will make it even more necessary to have passing lane on highway 7 west near Malcolm road.

This mine and road are the Province of B.C. responsibility they should be looking after all the problems that are coming from the approval of this mine.

Hold this project up until there is a plan in place to cover the issues it going to create.

Wayne Gustason  
Morris Vallery

**Kristen Kohuch**

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**From:** Dehlia Simper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 12, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** Kristen Kohuch  
**Subject:** Statlu gravel Pit

**THAT** the FVRD Board provide and consider public consultation for the review of Commercial Gravel Operations Permit 2020-01 to Statlu Resources INC for the gravel operation at 12 KM of the Chehalis Forest Service Road in Electoral Area C.

I think that the public be able to comment on and have their concerns heard  
Thanks Dehlia Simper (Lake Errock)

**Kristen Kohuch**

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**From:** Brenda & / or Doug Wright [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 12, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** Bill Dickey; Dennis Adamson; Taryn Dixon; Terry Raymond; Orion Engar; Wendy Bales; Al Stobbart; Hugh Davidson  
**Cc:** Kristen Kohuch  
**Subject:** Statlu Resources Inc. - Commercial Gravel Operations Permit 2020 01 Application

Dear Chair Dickey and members of the EASC,

**Ref: EASC Meeting July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Agenda item 6.5, MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION  
“that the FVRD Board issue Commercial Gravel Operations Permit 2020-01 to Statlu  
Resources Inc.”**

Our first comments have to relate to the fact that in late 2015 Statlu Resources Inc. (SRI) made application to the FVRD for a “land usage rezoning” of their existing pit area to allow backhauling, and landfilling, of remediated (*contaminated*) soil, and we believe this history has a bearing on the present application.

The then SRI President Mr. Earl Wilder stated in part that,

*“His company had been struggling with the gravel pit near the subject site and have been looking for alternative ways to make it viable. SRI would like to develop the subject site as an industrial waste disposal site”.*

This position was further supported by statements that due to the pits remote locality compared to its competitors’ pits the only way this pit could be viable was to allow this backhauling of “product” into the pit area, and subsequently the same trucks could haul out processed gravel. In other words trucks would have to have a “paid reason” to drive the 12 kilometers up to the pit!

It was also mentioned that failing agreement on “backhauling” an alternative may be to establish a “trans load” facility close to the bottom of Chehalis Forestry Service Road (CFSR).

After consideration of this position at the February 16, 2016 the EASC unanimously passed the following motion,

*THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board refuse the application for a zoning amendment to permit a contaminated soil landfill near the Chehalis River in Electoral Area "C";  
AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board request that the Province of British Columbia provide funding for a regional contaminated soil disposal plan to be*

*undertaken by the FVRD in coordination with representatives from Industry, the Province, the public and First Nations.*

The EASC also reaffirmed the FVRD position that the,

*“The Chehalis River Valley is currently viewed as a wilderness area that supports public resource extraction, tourism and recreation. The area is considered a salmon strong hold and is important for regional and provincial ecological functions. The proposal to landfill remediated soil in this area conflicts with the current uses and understanding of the area”*

At the full Board of Directors Meeting of the FVRD on February 23, 2016 the Board of Directors unanimously reaffirmed the above motion.

Having accepted these historical facts it begs the question what has changed since early 2016 that would now make the pit viable without a “backload”, or similar, component?

It must be appreciated that we accept the entitlement for SRI to operate their pit and business, but it cannot be at the detriment of the local communities, and public in general. The present application in our opinion has elements that would be detrimental to the health and safety of the above mentioned groups. Those elements being,

The proposal is that *“the operation is to run year round Monday to Saturday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm with maintenance on Sundays”*.

It must be appreciated the CFSR and the Chehalis River Valley area is extremely active with camping and “off road” vehicle activity at weekends, and these tourist / recreation activities would have to share this limited road, and area, with large commercial trucks.

**We therefore believe operational activities should be limited to Monday to Friday to avoid this potentially dangerous conflict**

Road dust from the CFSR is presently a major concern for the immediate residential community of “Harrison Lane”, and this is with very limited traffic on the CFSR. This large increase in traffic this proposal will bring will negatively affect the life, and possibly health, of residents in the immediate area.

**We therefore believe the applicant, and as part of their Road Use Permit the MFLRORD, be encouraged by the FVRD to “black top” the first 2 kilometers of the CFSR.**

We have a concern that approval of this application could lead to a reemergence of the need in the future of the applicant for either a “backload” and/or a “trans load facility” to make the operation viable.

**We believe the approval of the present application should be conditional on that there will be no future consideration of a “backload and/or “trans load facility”.**

In conclusion, we appreciate your individual consideration of the above, and that this email be attached to the agenda for the EASC meeting where this application is being considered.

Yours Sincerely,

Brenda & Douglas Wright

#115 – 14500 Morris Valley Road, Harrison Mills, BC

**Kristen Kohuch**

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**From:** Tom Cadieux [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 12, 2020 3:48 PM  
**To:** Kristen Kohuch  
**Cc:** Wendy  
**Subject:** Starlight gravel mine

Sir: if I am hearing right this company went through a small community consultation exercise awhile ago however does not see fit to continue dialogue and the changes they propose seem suspicious. Please consider a request to ensure new changes receive a community review. My tel no is [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Kristen Kohuch**

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**From:** Fiona Hoey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** July 12, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** Kristen Kohuch  
**Cc:** 'Diane'; Bill Dickey; Dennis Adamson; Taryn Dixon; Terry Raymond; Orion Engar; Wendy Bales; Al Stobbart; Hugh Davidson  
**Subject:** Statlu Resources INC

Good Afternoon

As a resident of Morris Valley Road, I have serious concerns about the amount of noise and dust that the many daily gravel trucks will generate if the Statlu Resources INC continue forward with this gravel operation. I am also extremely concerned about the way that this application will affect the water supply and the fish runs in the Chehalis River. I do not believe that this development will be beneficial to the surrounding areas.

I am requesting that public input be received prior to any decisions and permit issuance by FVRD.

Sincerely

Fiona Hoey

58-14600 Morris Valley Road

Harrison Mills, B.C. V0M 1A1

**Kristen Kohuch**

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**From:** Roger Mawdsley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** July 12, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** Bill Dickey; Dennis Adamson; Taryn Dixon; Terry Raymond; Orion Engar; Wendy Bales; Al Stobbart; Hugh Davidson; Kristen Kohuch; Jennifer Kinneman  
**Cc:** Diane ; Doug & Brenda Wright; Wendy; Graham Daneluz  
**Subject:** EASC July 11, 2020 Revised  
**Attachments:** Letter to EASC Re Statlu Resources July 11, 2020.pdf

Hello EASC Members,

It has recently been brought to my attention that yet another application has been made by Statlu Resources to develop a gravel pit approximately eleven kilometers along the Chehalis Forest Service Road from the junction with Morris Valley Road in Harrison Mills, BC.

Given the controversy of this site in recent years, there is a concern in the community that the FVRD has not made the presence of this application known to the local residents. And further that the matter is on the agenda for passage at Monday's EASC meeting without the local residents and recreational users being given the opportunity to be part of the discussion.

I, for one, would like to share some of my thoughts on the matter. To this end, I would appreciate it if you could review the attached document outlining some of the concerns expressed in the community as part of your deliberation process.

Paramount is the need for public consultation on the application. Accordingly, notwithstanding the fact that Statlu has already marshaled equipment on the site, seemingly of the opinion that the FVRD approval is guaranteed, this application should be held in abeyance until the local residents and recreational users have the opportunity to review the application, express their concerns and work with the FVRD to develop a plan that will address the needs of the company and the concerns of the local residents and recreational users.

Having been an advisor to a number of engineering companies over the past fifty years and as a special advisor to the Minister of Mines in Ontario, I understand the importance of public dialogue and trust that members of this committee do as well.

Regards, Roger Mawdsley - Harrison Mills

12-14505 Morris Valley Road,  
Harrison Mills, BC  
V0M 1A1

July 11, 2020

Telephone: [REDACTED]  
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Bill Dickey, Chair  
Electoral Area Services Committee  
Fraser Valley Regional District  
Head Office  
45950 Cheam Avenue  
Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

Dear Mr. Dickey and members of the EASC

**Re: Application by Statlu Resources to operate a gravel pit on Chehalis Forest Service Road.**

Further to my email of July 11, 2020 I offer the following thoughts on the above captioned matter:

#### **Historical Perspective**

The pit was initially opened a number of years ago and never amounted to a viable commercial venture. The main reason was the lack of affordable transportation to deliver the product to market. Truck drivers simply refused to traverse the poorly surfaced road without being paid a premium. This made the venture uneconomic and it became dormant shortly thereafter.

About 2015 a plan was developed to move the gravel by large trucks from the pit to the junction of the Chehalis Forest Service Road and Morris Valley Road., where it was to be reloaded onto highway trucks and shipped to market. This plan also failed because the cost of double handling the material rendered the venture uneconomic.

In 2016 another attempt was made to develop site. In order to reduce the prohibitive transportation costs associated with transporting gravel from the site to markets, it was thought that the trucking costs could be greatly reduced if a source of revenue could be obtained on the inbound trip. To this end, a plan was developed and application made to transport 300,000 tons of contaminated waste soil for disposal in the area of the pit, and within the watershed that serves the local area. This application was denied by Ministry of Mines and the site has remained dormant since.

#### **Concerns:**

The current application was lodged in early 2019 and appears reasonable on its face. However, there are some concerns with it. In particular, they fall into a number of categories.

The first concern is public safety. Graham Daneluz estimated "If 249999 tonnes is moved each year in a tandem axel truck it would involve around 18,000 loads per year. Fewer if trailers are used". This increase in traffic will present a clear and present danger to other users of the CFS road. Exacerbating this issue, the site plan indicates that activities will be taking place on both sides of the road, thereby making it extremely hazardous for anyone wishing to travel further up the road, if not impossible.

The second concern is environmental: Of grave concern is the potential for a fuel oil spill within the watershed that provides our drinking water. Regardless of any cleanup attempt, any spill will eventually seep into our aquifer with disastrous results. Additionally, with the great increase in truck traffic, the dust created at the bottom portion of the road will present a health hazard. Currently, on dry days in the

summer, the dust created in the yard at the local logging company often obscures the sky over our small subdivision. Calcite applications, which last for a couple of weeks at best, do little to minimize the problem and water alone is useless, especially with the traffic forecast for the operation.

The third concern is the longevity of the operation and the future. Simply put, this pit has not been economically viable from the outset. Road conditions have not improved and it is doubtful that trucking costs will improve. Margins have not increased substantially and competition has increased substantially. Currently there are at least four other pits in the area with an estimated two million ton capacity. Given that they are all located with paved access to Highway 7 and within a few kilometers from the proposed Statlu site, it is doubtful that Statlu can be profitable, especially if it is reliant on high cost of one direction transportation on a horrible road.

**Conclusion:**

Having said that, my main concern is that a few months from now, when the pit again fails to turn out to be a financially viable venture, it will once again apply for relief from any restrictions imposed by the FVRD address the concerns of the local residents and recreational users of the CFS Road.

In particular, these restrictions should include:

- 1) A clear and definitive caveat to the authorization that specifically precludes any and all activity in the vicinity to the CFS Road and Morris Valley Road junction.
- 2) Requiring Statlu to pave a 1 1/2 km portion of the CFS Road from the above junction.
- 3) An undertaking that Statlu's operations will not interfere with the safe travel by others on the road.

In closing, personally I do not object to the operation of the pit as envisioned. However, it must be operated in such a fashion to not present a danger to public safety, damage the environment and not impact on the local resident and recreational users. After all, the Chehalis River Valley and Harrison Mills are predominately residential/recreational and should remain as such.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my concerns on the matter

Respectfully submitted,

*Roger Mawdsley*