

I'm commenting on behalf of Sockeye Cycle regarding the possible reconsideration of CUP 23-87 for resource extraction at two sites on Lutak Rd.

While the CUP requires reaching out to nearby property owners for comment, I think that potential impacts to regular road users and existing business operations in the immediate area should also be considered. I believe the permit was granted for 5 years, so it's important that the project does not cause regular disruption to current users of the road.

Lutak Road is a main route for most of our tour groups, and a popular location for local cyclists and tourists renting bikes, scooters, and cars from various businesses. Between May and September, there are thousands of cyclists and hundreds of commercial tour vans and busses using Lutak Road.

The application doesn't specify the expected frequency of the blasting and drilling at Site A, and there don't appear to be any limits on how often blasting can occur. It is not mentioned if this would result in road closures or traffic delays, and how long those could last. Road closures or delays during the site operating hours could cause significant disruption to the tour companies using Lutak Rd. The Planning Commission added a requirement that AMHS be consulted for any blasting within 2 hours of ferry arrival/departure, so it is likely there will be some impact to the road/ferry terminal area. If road closures are not required, it seems potentially hazardous to bike past an active blasting zone on a steep slope with only a 25' buffer from the road. With the amount of tour vehicle and bike traffic in the area, more information about this part of the operating plan is needed to determine what impact this project would have and if it would create a hazardous situation on the road or is something we'd need to plan our business operations around.

Beyond stating that a water truck and street sweeper would be used, it's unclear what the dust and noise impacts would be when the rock crusher is operating or drilling/blasting is occurring. It's not clear how often they would be in operation, how near the road they could be located, and if the noise and dust created would be problematic for cyclists or other drivers.

I'd like to see the Planning Commission revisit the permit to gather more information about the intended operating plan, and to discuss if additional mitigation or limitations on the timing of some of the activities is needed to avoid disrupting existing usage in this area.

Thank you,
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