

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

To Haines Borough,

My name is Matthew Jillson and I own and reside on the property downhill of the proposed gravel pit, between 4th avenue and Young Road.

As a resident I am concerned about the noise, dust, and increased heavy vehicle traffic that this activity could bring to our quiet neighborhood. I am also concerned about the destabilizing effect that this extraction could cause to the hillside. There have been many comments made about the possibility of a landslide covering Lutak road due to the gravel excavation there. In this case the site is directly above a neighborhood and a landslide could be much more serious.

In the application it states that the material removed would be for local use. I am in support of using local resources here in Haines; however the stated purpose of the Lutak gravel extraction would be for export. I see no guarantee that the Highland's Estates material wouldn't also be exported if the price were right.

I am also concerned of the effect on local wildlife. I own the forested parcel of land between 4th ave and Young Road and it is a natural wildlife corridor. I enjoy seeing moose, black bear, and brown bear use this forest and the heavy truck traffic exiting east towards Young Road would cut right through this area.

There is an existing large rock and gravel pit at 4 mile with a huge amount of available material. I don't see any purpose in disturbing our neighborhood with this unnecessary project.

Sincerely,

Matthew Jillson