

From: [Becky Crockett](#)
To: [John Jezuit](#); [Penny Hudgens](#)
Subject: FW: Rock Removal From The Pistol River
Date: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:29:11 AM

Please make a new file for the comments to be received in the 14 day period whereby the appeal record is open for additional comments for the Adams appeal. People have until 5:00 pm on December 4th to submit additional comments into the record.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Suzanne Anastasi [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 9:26 AM
To: Becky Crockett
Subject: Rock Removal From The Pistol River

John & Sue Anastasi are totally against the removal of rock from the Pistol River. There are other & better sources of rock close by. What about the stone quarry owned by the Crook Family? By skimming off rock from the river you are disturbing the natural flow & seasonal changes that occur on the river. Also, the aspect of an area will be changed dramatically. Besides that, who would pay for the roughened road & bridge which would happen because of truck weight & traffic.

From: [Becky Crockett](#)
To: [John Jezuit](#); [Penny Hudgens](#)
Subject: FW: AD-1907 Pistol River
Date: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:30:06 AM

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From: Mark Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 3:46 PM
To: Becky Crockett
Subject: AD-1907 Pistol River

Becky Crockett, Planning Director
94235 Moore Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444

RE: Appeal # A-1907

November 24, 2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As I stated in a previous letter, and as many others have stated, the problem with Mr. Adams' proposal is that it is incomplete and half-baked. One does not begin mining operations in a river without the proper agencies studying the issue to see what impact it will have on the environment, both the eco-system and the human element. Many of these agencies have extended a hand to Mr. Adams to work with him to try to find solutions to the problems affecting Pistol River. Why Mr. Adams has rejected input from these agencies is beyond me, but it reeks of profiteering more than concern for the environment. I found it interesting that TideWater has purchased the land right across the street from Mr. Adams proposed scalping operation.

Something else that came up (for the first time) in the November 20, 2019 Board Meeting, was the existence of "structures" that Mr. Adams swears "are working" to help the river. Upon investigating which structures he meant, I learned that these were a "fish hatchery" installed by a resident, Mr. Crook, without approval from the proper agencies. These concrete structures were leaching acid into the river and were ordered by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to be removed. Apparently, they were NOT fully removed, and now Mr. Adams wants to willy-nilly begin "scalping operations" because he believes he knows what's best for the river, without the benefit of collaboration with the proper agencies.

Finally, Mr. Adams expressed a great concern that the County was spending too much money

trucking rock from further away than the Pistol River in order to repair the Hooskanaden slide area. What may not have occurred to him is how much money the County will spend in lawsuits with federal agencies if he is allowed to proceed with his project without input from the proper environmental authorities.

Please decline this application until it is complete and studied by those who are the actual experts.

Sincerely,

Mark Nelson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Becky Crockett](#)
To: [John Jezuit](#); [Penny Hudgens](#)
Subject: FW: AD-1907 Pistol River - Zvan
Date: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:29:45 AM

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From: Mark Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Becky Crockett
Subject: AD-1907 Pistol River - Zvan

Becky Crockett, Planning Director
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Gold Beach, OR 97444

RE: Appeal # A-1907

November 21, 2019

Becky, the following is from our neighbor, Nancy Zvan, who does not have a computer or email. She has asked me to submit this on her behalf and that it may be allowed to be entered into the record:

TO: Board of Commissioners:

In regards to the application of Ron Adams, AD-1907, for removal of rock from the Pistol River at .2 mile from the mouth of river:

The major channel of the Pistol River has opened up after the rainfall of 11-19-2019. As the winter rains arrive, the channel will continue to widen and reshape the river.

The properties upstream that have had erosion due to winter storms need to address that issue. In the case of a need of a local source of rocks for the Hooskanaden slide repair, there is a quarry source of rock on the Crook property in Pistol River. That rock has been used for work on several local driveways. The Crooks also have a rock crusher.

As I understand based on news in the local newspapers, the funding for road repairs on the Hooskanaden slide was with the federal government, not Curry County.

Sincerely submitted,

Nancy Zvan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pistol River resident

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Board of Commissioners
Curry County, Oregon

November 25, 2019

The Honorable Curry County Board of Commissioners

Re: Adams application for gravel removal from Pistol River

I am writing to you to urge that the Curry County Board of Commissioners **approve** the pending application filed by Ron Adams to remove gravel from the lower flood plain of Pistol River.

I am a resident of Pistol River with riverfront property (now technically owned by my son) that lies slightly upstream from the proposed gravel excavation area. My family has owned, farmed, and occupied this property since 1889.

I would like to advise you of several inaccuracies that have been publically disseminated regarding this application. The Curry Coastal Pilot in a front page story published on November 19, 2019 reported on a public meeting held November 14, 2019 at the Pistol River Friendship Hall. I attended that meeting. The article references a 2014 NOAA Fisheries document that cites "lack of floodplain and channel structure" as one of the "key limiting stresses for coho salmon recovery" in the Pistol River. I personally have a clear recollection of the river behavior during flooding events on Pistol River as well as a lifetime of observations of the salmon and steelhead populations that use this stream. I therefor believe that I can state with a high degree of certainty that:

- a) The floodplain of Pistol River is at least as large now as it has historically been in the last 75 years and exhibits much the same structure.
- b) There is no present or historical record of which I am aware of a viable coho salmon population in this stream. Stated another way, there is no physical or anecdotal evidence of which I am aware of a coho salmon run in Pistol River.

Reference is made in the Pilot article to the river historically having "20-foot deep pools and water too cold to swim in during the summer". That statement is incorrect. The pools in the lower 2½ miles of the river during my youth (1940's - 1950's) were approximately half that deep and we swam in the river every summer typically from early May through September just as my great-nephews do to this day.

Finally, the Pilot article stated "No one came to the meeting to support the proposal". That is also incorrect. In fact there were people attending that meeting who did support the proposal. No poll of the attendees or other measurement such as a show of hands to express support or disapproval was conducted.

I urge the board to base its decision on factual evidence and prevailing regulatory rules rather than on the myriad of half-truths and outright fabrications that always seem to accompany such proceedings.

There is general agreement that the estuary area in lower Pistol River has been the victim of heavy downward migration of gravel deposits. These gravel deposits are not the result of logging conducted upstream in the drainage basin but rather are the rearrangement of alluvial deposits that have been laid down over many centuries in the lower 2½ miles of the stream. The meandering of the lower reaches of Pistol River was interdicted in the early 1960's by the US Department of Agriculture through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) who developed a streambank protection

program on lower Pistol River in the form of rip-rapping of the river banks. This action effectively 'locked up' those ancient alluvial deposits of gravel and loam, allowed streamside riparian vegetation to thrive and develop, confined the stream to a more or less fixed channel, and promoted the beneficial use of streamside pastures for agricultural purposes.

The river remained stabilized in this state for a period of nearly 50 years at which point some of the weaker sections of rip rap began to deteriorate and required maintenance. Initially, one was able to attain permits to address the needed maintenance. However, after management of the stream became extremely sensitive to coho habitat protection, it became increasingly more difficult to obtain permit approval and perform any streambank protection activity especially below ordinary high water. Thus, the river successfully breached the rip rap, 'unlocked' the alluvial deposits and resumed the meander process. The net result was that hundreds of thousands of yards of alluvial material (predominantly gravel) along with the associated overstory of valuable riparian vegetation was transported downstream. The now useless riparian material in fact became a secondary problem when significant portions of the uprooted trees came to rest on the upstream edge of the concrete abutments supporting the Pistol River Loop Bridge.

In my opinion the current management regime of this stream for the benefit of an imaginary run of coho salmon has brought us to this condition and you are left with the consequences. You are now asked to determine if gravel can be removed from this site. If you deny this application you can expect that streamside conditions along this stream will continue to deteriorate. If you approve it you can expect some temporary improvement in keeping the river in its channel. The effect will probably be temporary since Pistol River has now resumed a meandering course and will continue to relocate alluvial gravel deposits and their corresponding riparian vegetation downstream unless and until it again becomes acceptable to protect the streambanks.

In conclusion, if the board collectively or any of its members wish to have an on the ground tour of the lower reaches of Pistol River and observe the conditions discussed above, I would be happy to host such an event.



Larry L. Ismert



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Board of Commissioners
Curry County, Oregon

November 25, 2019

The Honorable Curry County Board of Commissioners

Re: Adams application for gravel removal from Pistol River

Please **approve** the pending application filed by Ron Adams to remove gravel from the lower flood plain of Pistol River.

My husband and I have owned riverfront property on Pistol River since the early 1970's. His family had owned the property since the late 1880's. Thus we have had an excellent opportunity to observe this river for decades.

Many of the arguments opposing this application are shallow in that they merely repeat the 'advocacy rhetoric' that special interest groups roll out whenever natural resource decisions become necessary. An excellent example is the entire coho salmon charade. Coho salmon do not inhabit Pistol River.

I have seen printed and published literature citing a need to repair, restore and preserve Pistol River. Nowhere have I seen any specific mention of what kind of repairs need to be made to what, what are the specific items or conditions that we are being exhorted to restore, and what is the desired condition that we should be attempting to preserve. The only specific activity that comes close to addressing the issues of repair, restore and preserve that I have seen to date is the Ron Adams proposal for removing a portion of the gravel deposits that are destroying our estuary. The Adams proposal would at least to some degree relieve or repair the increasing gravel buildup in our estuary and would help in restoring the stream channel to a more stable and traditional route.

A deeper concern that I see is the alarming tendency of some to attempt to diminish the bundle of rights held by private property owners. Without any investment and no assumption of the burden of risk it is far too frequently that attempts are made to direct or control the legal activity of other private property owners on their own lands.

Respectfully

Roseann K. Ismert

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Curry County, Oregon

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From: [Becky Crockett](#)
To: [John Jezuit](#); [Penny Hudgens](#)
Subject: FW: Conditional Land Use Application AD-1924 (15887 US Hwy 101 S, Brookings, OR 97415)
Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 6:44:50 AM

More comments for the Adams Appeal. Thanks

Becky Crockett
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From: Matt Brumage [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 5:10 PM
To: Becky Crockett; Nancy O'Dwyer
Subject: RE: Conditional Land Use Application AD-1924 (15887 US Hwy 101 S, Brookings, OR 97415)

Dear Planning Director,

We ask that this application for land use be denied by the County Planning Office for the following reasons:

1. There are no indications of hours of operation, nor of any process used in the manufacturing, only that it will be of trusses. Therefore, we can only assume that it will entail loud hammering, loud machinery, and heavy equipment.
2. We have home-based jobs, which require phone calls and hours of focus with attention to detail. This would be impossible with the noise of a manufacturing plant.
3. Our property values would be depressed due to our proximity to this manufacturing activity.

For these reasons, we ask that you deny the request for this, or any, manufacturing business at that location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Matt & Erin Brumage
[REDACTED]

November 26, 2018

Curry County Commissioners
Curry County Courthouse
Gold Beach, Oregon 97444

RE: RON ADAMS APPEAL


Curry County Commissioners

The Crook Family supports Ron Adams application for gravel removal from Pistol River. The river has lost its old channel and now has removed over 40 acres of bottom land during the last 30 years. This last year alone it took 10 acres of bottom land, reducing the area to gravel bar. Lands lost include part of an 120 year old orchard from the Crook Ranch, five acres of bottom land from the Larry Ismert property and five acres from the former Marion Walker property This is verified by reviewing photos of the river taken over the last 30 years.

We have discussed the river's huge gravel movement with the Oregon Fish and Wildlife employees and they have estimated that 40,000 yards of gravel moves down the river annually and 20,000 yards could be removed annually without detriment to the wildlife habitat.

In closing, the Crook Family supports gravel removal from the lower Pistol River because we believe it will help stabilize the estuary's fish habitat and conserve resource lands.

Sincerely,
The Crook Family
Ron, Bill, Jackie, James, Kathleen, David



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Curry County, Oregon**



November 27, 2019

Curry County Board of Commissioners
c/o Curry County Department of Community Development
94235 Moore Street
Gold Beach, OR 97444
Vial email: Becky Crockett, crockettb@co.curry.or.us

Re: ORCA Additional testimony on Appeal of Denial of AD-1907, a Conditional Use to Mine for Gravel

Dear Curry County Board of Commissioners,

Oregon Coast Alliance is an Oregon nonprofit corporation whose mission is to protect coastal natural resources and work with coastal residents to enhance community livability. ORCA submits this additional testimony on the Ronald Adams proposal to mine gravel in the lower Pistol River region in order to respond to the latest submission from the applicant, recently made available to the public.

As stated in ORCA's prior testimony, the application and the appeal submissions suffer from basic lack of information, and complete failure to substantiate the allegations in support of the request. That the applicant's statements fail to fulfill the most basic requirements of Curry County ordinances is by now well documented in the record. The County requires the applicant to provide the County with sufficient information to determine whether the application meets relevant criteria on which a decision is based. In this matter, Mr. Adams' proposal continues to fail, on appeal as at the original planning commission application.

At the November 20th Board of Commissioners hearing on his appeal from the Planning Commission denial, however, Mr. Adams submitted a new packet of information (dated November 11, 2019), in which he has materially changed the proposal, substantially enlarging it from prior iterations. This packet includes a hand-drawn map that shows *four* gravel-mining sites on the Pistol. The similarly hand-drawn map submitted with Mr. Adams' initial appeal statement dated October 14, 2019, showed a single removal site.

The applicant brought this enormous expansion into the middle of the appeal proceedings with virtually no explanation other than a few unsubstantiated statements, but they made it clear the proposal is expanding in the applicant's mind: "[M]y plan is to remove the material from these four areas down to a depth which will be approximately two feet above the normal water level of the river, which will allow the normal hydraulics to work. The total amount of debris to be remove [sic] from these four areas will total approximately eight to ten thousand cubic yards if it was removed all in one year... The actual equipment used in the operation will be dump trucks and loaders that will be owned by private contractors. Any other equipment will more than likely, for short periods, be portable rock crushers."

Neither Curry County staff nor members of the public had seen this expanded proposal before Mr. Adams brought it to the November 20th appeal hearing. As this expansion is clearly not the original application submitted to Curry County, nor the one denied by the planning commission, the Board of Commissioners is justified in rejecting this expanded application as a new proposal, which would be subject to a separate permitting process, beginning with a complete application.

The *only* application before the Board of Commissioners is AD 19-07, the proposal submitted to Curry County by Ron Adams and denied by the planning commission. ORCA notes that Curry County should never have accepted this initial application as complete, as it contained none of the studies, information or even basic descriptions necessary for decision-makers to act. However, since the County did accept it, ORCA urges the Board of Commissioners to uphold the planning commission's denial of the request for all the reasons stated in our several testimonies before the planning commission.

The lower Pistol River is severely abraded, and continues eroding. A collaborative, focused restoration project honing in on the problems causing the erosion is needed. Indeed, the applicant himself is aware that his project will not solve the underlying problems, stating in his November 20th submission, "The sediment that we are planning to remove has been deposited here in the last three to four years... This will be replaced almost immediately by the abnormal transport of material that is upstream... We acknowledge that more keep coming..." In addition to any other reason to reject the application, the applicant *himself* acknowledges that the project is futile as a restorative action, even without scientific verification.

It is time to end this charade, whereby an incomplete application continues being heard, and changed, at every hearing opportunity. ORCA strongly recommends the Board of Commissioners deny the appeal, and begin working with community members, including Mr. Adams, on a solid, longterm plan to address the problems on the Pistol. Community members have already begun such a task, as testimony on this proposal indicates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Cameron La Follette".

Cameron La Follette
Executive Director

November 25, 2019

In the early 1960's, there was a dragline (*1962) rock crusher and an asphalt plant. These were all located in the area where Ron Adams wants to harvest gravel.

What is still known by some people as the "new Highway 101", from its road bed to the original asphalt pavement came from this same area. The road from the south end of the Hunters Creek bridge, to the North end of the Thomas Creek bridge, came from this area.

This work was all done at that location, without touching Pistol river, or harming the salmon, etc.

I have first hand, eye witness knowledge of the above mentioned gravel removal, asphalt production (asphalt plant, etc, were all brought to the site, on trailers) and when the road building was finished and the equipment, etc, was removed, all that remained was a large borrow (gravel) pit, which is now a large pond, that water fowl, others and other creatures have adopted as their own.

Chris Walker

11-24-2019

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Curry County, Oregon

To Who This May concern,

My name is Ron Bossi and I lived in Pistol River for the last 21 years. I really love it here.

I have seen a big change in the lower Pistol River. Just south of the bridge, the center of the river has gravel build up of more than 10 feet. This make the river wider and eats away the bank. In time it will be as wide as the

Mississippi River. I see people fishing but I never see them with any fish. Many years back I have see large Salmon in the River but not any more

For many years I've said that they need to deepen the river.

The last two years there has been more gravel build up than ever.

I don't know why. Something needs to be done.

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Yours Truly
Ron Bossi

November 23-2019

To whom this will concern
When I was in Elementary school my family
and I lived in Pistol River for a year
and a half. Having lived there for a
summer, I remember Pistol River quite
well, it had so many places to swim.
I had friends who lived at the Miller
place and would walk to their house to
swim with them. I recall the day they
told me they had seen a sturgeon in
the river below their house. Their parents
and we kids were very excited. The
Miller place is situated several miles from
the tidal area of the River. This happened in '61-'62
I support and respect Ron Adams proposed
project. He has spent much time and money
in this endeavor! Ron is a fine man
and a friend to all —

Thank You

Yvonne M. Pettigrove

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Curry County, Oregon**IN SUPPORT OF RON ADAMS'S PLAN OF
RESTORATION OF THE PISTOL RIVER WHICH
INCLUDES THE ISSUING A GRAVEL REMOVAL PERMIT**

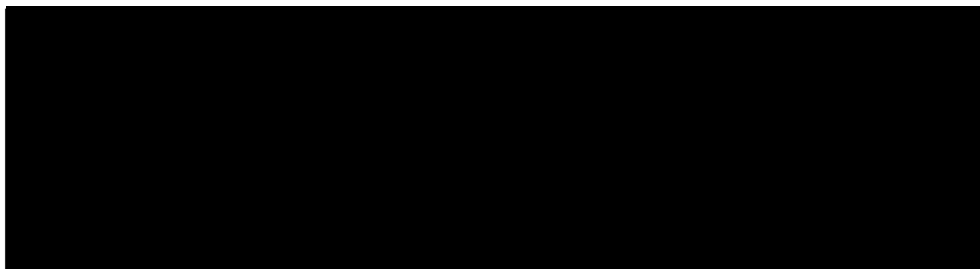
My support is based on a couple of reasons. Our property is near the Pistol River Loop bridge and I am concerned that this winter the high water, on top of the huge amount of gravel that has accumulated near the bridge, will have to overflow the banks and flood the fields at lower levels of water than the last few years.

And how long is it going to flush the huge amounts of gravel out. How many years will our field continue to flood and be of no use to us for our cattle.

If something is not done it is going to be a continuing problem. This year the swimming hole at Deep Creek, 6 miles up Pistol River, has also been $\frac{1}{2}$ filled with gravel. How long will it take that gravel to wash down? How many other holes along the river we can't see have also been gravelled in?

Please issue Ron Adams a gravel
Removal permit.

Cordially
Jean Hook



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Curry County, Oregon

IN SUPPORT OF RON ADAMS'S PLAN OF RESTORATION OF THE PISTOL RIVER WHICH INCLUDES THE ISSUING A GRAVEL REMOVAL PERMIT

I am a fifth generation Pistol River resident and I support Ron Adams' rock removal plan. The river is in a sad state of affairs. Gravel is slowly filling in the river. Above the loop bridge, the course of the river is taking it west. The river threatens Carpenterville road and houses by it built on sand and silt. As the river moves west more and more gravel is deposited on the eastern edge. Even miles up the river, gravel is filling in riffles and holes that will make its way down stream. The wide expanse of gravel makes the river more shallow and warmer and in turn, a worse environment for fish. The rock takes away grazing land for cattle and makes the land essentially useless except for...selling gravel.

I believe that with the right methods and strategy rock could be removed in a way that could actually help the river and wildlife habitat. Help engineer the river for optimal environmental health. The rock removal will not only help the river, its course, and objects in the way of erosion, but the whole community. After the rock is hauled away it will help countless people in roads, concrete, businesses, homes and yards. Also, I do not mind the trucks that would be on the North Bank Pistol River Road.

I support the gravel removal permit and see it as a win for all parties involved: the river, the environment, home owners in the river's path, the community, as well as the freedom for land owners to use their property.

Trevor Hook



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I am a Pistol River land owner, I have lived in Pistol River for 60 years and never seen the river as bad as now. The gravel needs to be removed at and above the bridge. There is alot more gravel coming down the river, just from the slides that happened in the mid 1980's.

I can't see the problem of removing rock in the summer.

Taking rock out might help save the houses that are in the river's path, the way it's going now

I also think that land owners - Taxes payers should be able to ~~you~~ use your property

Paul D. Hook

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As a fifth generation Curry County resident I find these objections to private land use unacceptable. As long as the land owner uses Best Management Practices as approved by the Army Corp of engineers and the ODFW, there should be no question of their rights.

When environmental groups obstruct the rights of a private citizens ability to utilize their own property a true miscarriage of justice has occurred. When these groups use pseudo science, and emotion to obstruct it should be called Eco terrorism.

In the 1975 publication by Len Ramp on the rock and mineral resources of Curry County, it was noted that rock sources are in short supply. It is my belief that a limited amount of rock removal would be beneficial to the health of the Pistol watershed, particularly the lower sections, especially the area of the Pistol River bridge.



Bob Gardner

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**IN SUPPORT OF RON ADAMS'S PLAN OF
RESTORATION OF THE PISTOL RIVER WHICH
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my name is Samuel Holland
and I agree That Ron Adams
Plan to REMOVE GRAVEL From
The Pistol River is correct and
NECESSARY For The good of The
River. Lack of Removal of
The gravel. Will Lead To Flooding.
Loss of habitat and infrastructure.
I Lived in Pistol River for
Years. my first child was born
There. For The good of The
River REMOVE The Gravel!

Samuel Holland

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RESTORATION OF THE PISTOL RIVER WHICH
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My name is Paul Hermann

I am a landowner ~~in~~ in Pistol River,

If the river is left the way it
is, This will be the first year that
we will flood from the river!

If management of the river is left
to outsiders, we will have a big problem.
Most of the people in Soil and Water
and the ODFW seem to think that all
rivers and creeks are all same,
But one size does not fit all,

They were in charge Salmon Enhancement
on Crook Creek,

They destroyed the Run and the Creek

My Property has flooded every since from
The creek.
over

Their Salmon program caused
massive Erosion in the Crook Creek
Drainage,!

When Agnew logged the whole
drainage it did not create the erosion
that ODFW did,

Thank you

Paul Hermann



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Property Owner

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Curry County, Oregon

Linda Hermann

**IN SUPPORT OF RON ADAMS'S PLAN OF
RESTORATION OF THE PISTOL RIVER WHICH
INCLUDES THE ISSUING A GRAVEL REMOVAL PERMIT**

My family has owned land on this river for almost a hundred years. I have lived here for half of those years - I would hate to see all of this farm land in this valley be ruined by the river flooding every year.

Our house was put here in 1947. We have never had flood water in the house. Our garage is full of mud from that creek flooding - Since the salmon enhancement program was started on Crook Creek, we have had water up to the front steps, and flowing under it. The river comes up to our back fence. If someone does not remove some of the gravel it could be at our back door this year -

I have never seen the river so spread out - The water has no channel - and will continue to spread - Unless, someone does something.

There has always been a ~~lot~~ salmon kept in the river: until now Hopefully it is not too late to change the problem - At least someone should be allowed to try -

Thank you,
Linda Hermann

Becky Crockett

From: Linda [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 10:56 PM
To: Becky Crockett
Subject: AD-1901: Ron Adam's Appeal of AD-1907
Attachments: 12-03-19 ADAMS.doc

Curry County Planning Commission
Attn: Becky Crockett

Re: **AD-1901:** Ron Adam's Appeal of AD-1907 Planning Commission's Denial of a Conditional Land Use Permit to Extract and Process Aggregate at the Pistol River

I urge the Planning Commission to uphold its decision to deny the application of Ron Adams for extracting and processing aggregate on the Pistol River. As noted, Mr. Adams' application is short on details and specifics and lacks evidence of any effort of coordination with the numerous governmental agencies.

My property is adjacent to the estuary down river from the 101 bridge and I don't feel Mr. Adams has sufficiently addressed the issues of dust, debris, noise and most importantly fish and wildlife habitat on the Pistol River.

Please deny the Adams application (AD-1907) for gravel extraction of the Pistol River.

Thank you,

Linda Elfman
[REDACTED]

Curry County Planning Commission
Attn: Becky Crockett

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Re: **AD-1901:** Ron Adam's Appeal of AD-1907 Planning
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Thank you,

Linda Elfman



December 4, 2019

To: Curry County Board of Commissioners
Becky Crockett, Planning Director of Curry County

RE: **AD-1901**: Ron Adam's Appeal of AD-1907 Planning Commission's Denial of a Conditional
Land Use Permit to Extract and Process Aggregate at the Pistol River
Oral discussion

After reviewing the materials submitted by Ron Adams at the 11/20/19 hearing, I have even more concerns as he has expanded the proposed operation of gravel removal and processing at Pistol River. The number of sites/locations have gone from one or two to four. Attached you will find an image showing the locations as he defined in his maps as well as the proximity of sites to my residence as well as that of others on Carpenterville Road. In addition, Ron Adams continues to reject the outstretched hands of those with expertise who have agreed to help him with a plan that would truly move forward to address repair and restoration efforts needed at the Pistol River.

To date, the information and plans submitted by the applicant, Ron Adams do not meet the counties requirements to consider granting of a land use permit for gravel extraction and processing on the Pistol River. His initial permit request as well as the recent testimony lacks the scientific data and specificity of operations needed for decision making on this project. In fact, the data presented at the 11/20/19 hearing did not provide data to support his appeal but instead brought forward a whole new plan. This has been a continuing issue throughout the multiple hearings of Ron Adams requests for a permit.

I respectfully request that the Curry County Board of Commissioners support the Curry County Planning Commission's decision to deny the Land Use Permit AD-1907 and move forward with a denial of appeal AD-1901 submitted by Ronald Adams.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eleanor Foscett

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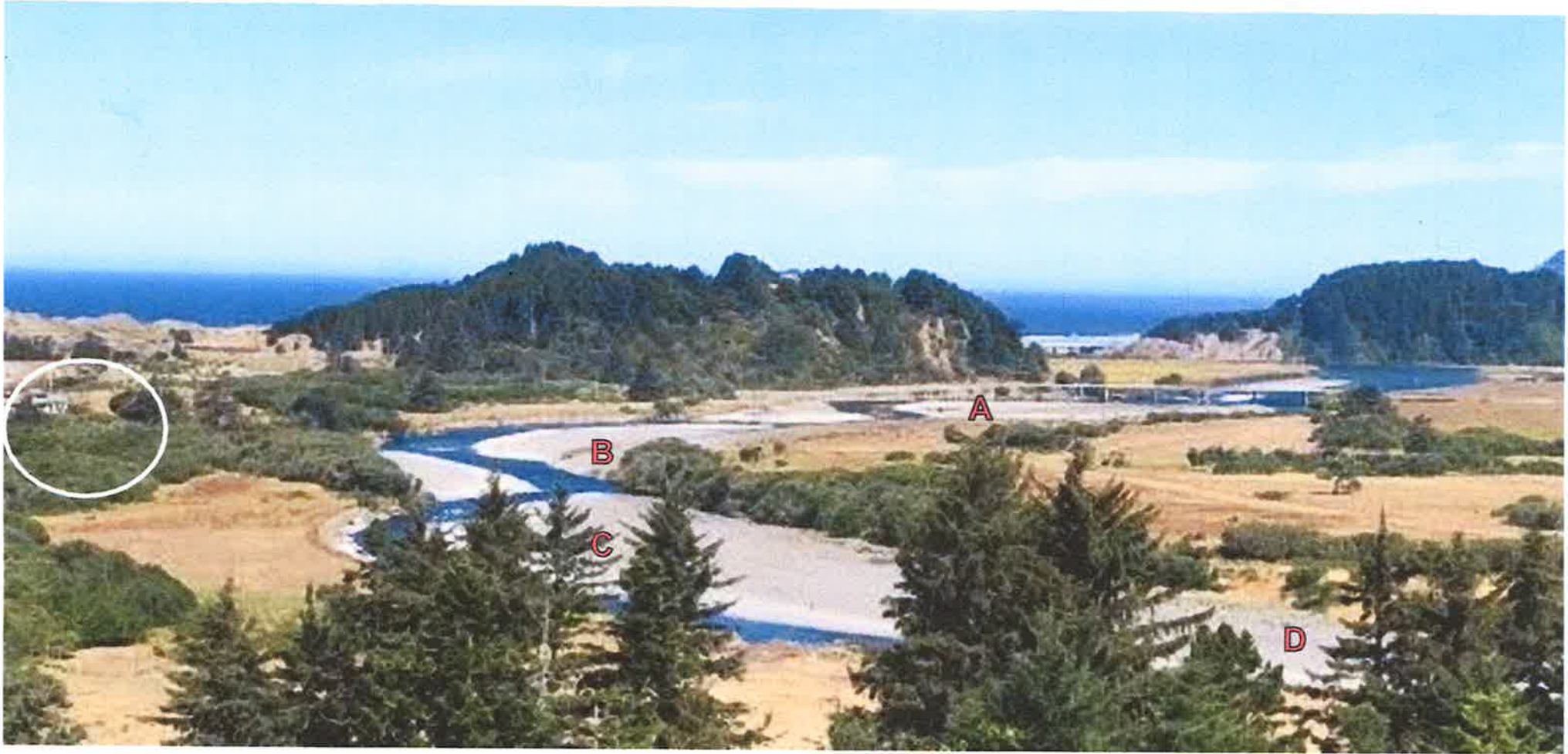
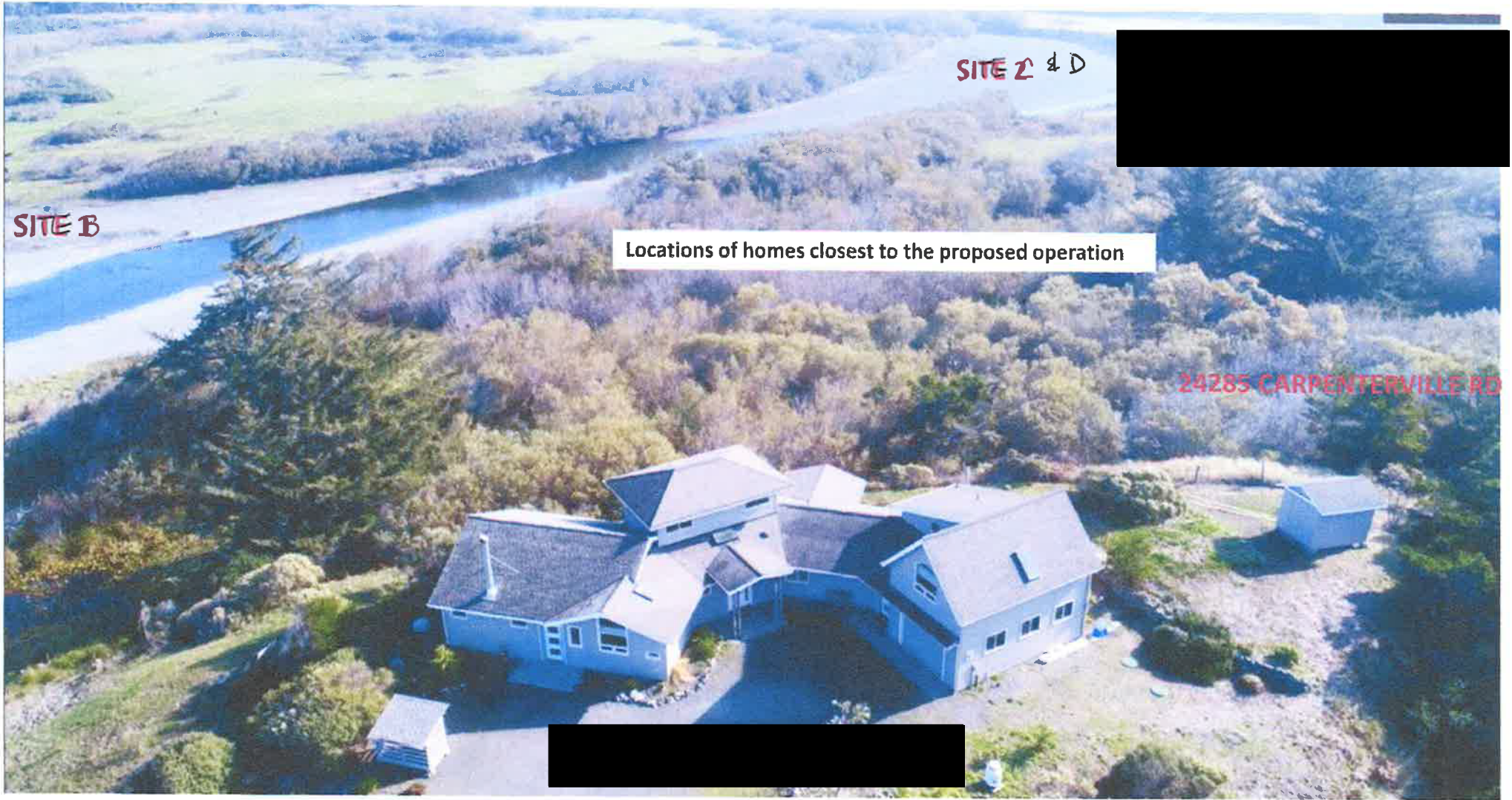


Image shows 4 proposed gravel removal sites and location of home at [REDACTED]





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Re: Appeal of Denial of AD-1907

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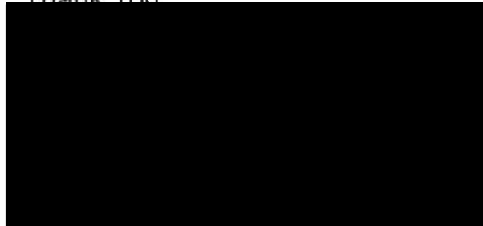
After hearing testimony given by the applicant at the Board of Commissioners hearing held on 11/20/19, it is still quite apparent that there are far more questions than answers concerning this proposition. Many concerns were raised but I will just focus on two.

The applicant has changed the information concerning his proposal. Originally there were to be two mining sites. Then it was changed to one. Now it is four. And the addition of contract workers and multiple rock crushers. Now the applicant is even talking about installing some as yet to be defined "structures". This is not the proposal that was originally submitted to and denied by the Planning Commission. This is totally a new proposal and should be considered a new proposal under a new application. The Board should deny this appeal on those grounds alone.

The applicant has been given numerous opportunities to present oral testimony and to submit written documentation to support this proposal. As previously stated by myself and many others through their own testimony, the applicant relies heavily on opinion and speculation to support his claims concerning this proposal but has no true scientific documentation to support his statements. Quite simply put the applicant has failed to meet the basic requirements set forth by the County.

I urge you to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to deny this application

Thank You



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South Coast Watershed Council

December 4, 2019

To: Curry County Board of Commissioners

Re: AD-1907, proposed conditional use for gravel extraction in Pistol River

Dear Curry County Board of Commissioners,

The South Coast Watershed Council is a community organization whose mission is to protect and enhance the watersheds within our service area, which includes the Pistol River watershed. A primary objective of the Council is to work collaboratively with communities and landowners to develop and carry out voluntary watershed protection, restoration, enhancement, and community engagement activities. With this objective in mind, the Council would like to express our support for Ron Adams' intent to 'improve the estuary' in the Pistol River watershed and 'help the endangered fish survival'.

As was pointed out in previous comments to the Planning Commission regarding Mr. Adams' proposal for gravel extraction, a restoration-based approach to sediment removal should be approached cautiously, and should consider the habitat types and features that could be restored at this site based on historic and current conditions. Together with the Curry Soil and Water Conservation District and the Lower Rogue Watershed Council (collectively, the Curry Watersheds Partnership), our organizations have the technical expertise and access to historic data sources – e.g., aerial photos, sediment studies – to help us understand habitat features that once existed at the proposed extraction site. We have also recently put in grant proposals to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and the Pacific Marine Estuaries Partnership, to develop a hydraulic model for the Pistol River estuary. This analysis would provide the current conditions of the geomorphology, hydrology, and sediment loads in the estuary, and help us understand the outcomes of different sediment removal scenarios.

The Council is committed to working with Mr. Adams to explore the feasibility of gravel extraction that would lead to meaningful restoration of estuarine habitats in the Pistol River. Mr. Adams has reached out to our organization and has expressed willingness to incorporate these analyses into his plans for gravel extraction. This is not a letter of support for gravel extraction in the Pistol River estuary, nor is it a letter of support for Mr. Adams' current plan for gravel extraction. Rather, this is a letter of our intent to work with Mr. Adams to accomplish a well-planned sediment removal proposal that is driven by restoration, if analyses indicate that that is feasible.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miranda Gray", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Miranda Gray

Council Coordinator, South Coast Watershed Council