

December 7, 2017

Concerning: Case #U_2017-0009

PROPERTY Address 33380 Pine Mountain Road, Hopland, CA

Dear Planning Department,

It has come to our attention that there is soon going to be a commercial development on Pine Mountain Road, if permitted. This comes as a shock to us. A large event tent, a parking lot for an occupancy of 150 people, and 18 cabins with fire rings seems outrageous. The serenity of this mountain community will be destroyed.

With the recent rash of fires in the area and a parade of people unfamiliar with this mountain environment, we fear the worst for the inhabitants of Pine Mountain. Power outages and strong winds are a common occurrence on the mountain. Will the weekly arrivals be tossing cigarettes from their vehicles as they travel up and down six miles of winding road? Will these visitors to the events drive carefully after leaving these parties late at night?

We have visited the property adjoining this project numerous times and have enjoyed the sounds of silence on this mountain. We have listened to the birds and coyotes. We have listened to the bullfrogs at night. We have watched as Canadian geese take refuge on the pond in the property adjacent to this proposed development. To see the hillside scraped to create this venture would be a travesty.

As insane as this idea is to us, we can't believe this project has progressed to this point without some solid introspection from council members and the permit department. Increased traffic on this often poorly maintained road should be a major concern for the county. During the winter months, parts of this road are clearly dangerous, and unaware patrons will be at risk.

In closing, we would ask for you to reconsider a project that does not have the values of the residence of Pine Mountain in mind. Mornings and evenings on the adjoining property have been nearly a religious experience for us and our family members. To destroy this by putting up an entertainment center seems irrational. Hopefully the scheme will be denied, and the character of Pine Mountain will be saved.

Respectfully Yours,



Gerald and Juli Schafer

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