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We have serious concerns about this project on various levels

1. We are a Bed and Breakfast that has been in business for well over 22 years. We advertize a quiet setting on the West side of the Valley, away from the busy streets of Hamilton and the traffic of Highway 93. Our business depends on repeat clients who appreciate the beauty and quiet of Deer Crossing Bed & Breakfast.

This proposed project will certainly change all that. The 30' wide Hayes Creek Road will be difficult to travel with logging trucks going both ways. The quiet will certainly be broken and our guests will be subjected to noise early in the morning from trucks, workers and much more. We have 300' for road oiled each year to reduce dust on the property. This also insures few washboards and trucks this size and weight will effect that.

There is concern that guests will not be able to arrive or depart as needed. Many arrive during the day and may have to wait for a "convoy" to access the B&B. Others leave at specific times to be able to do planned activities or catch airline flights or travel to other destinations. Delays will cause frustration on everyone's part.

Having heavy traffic during our breakfast – either inside or on our deck.. will be disruptive --- adding dust and noise to what is a peaceful setting. Trucks coming and going during special events such as weddings, family reunions, etc. will impact our ability to run a 5 Star business. We will have to let potential clients know of the downside of staying with us.

2. If the road is made wider than the existing 30' it will impact our current irrigation ditch which runs parallel to Hayes Creek Road in three places.
3. A 60' road would impact my property line, fencing, entry gate and in-property irrigation ditches.
4. I have concerns about forest service access roads after completion of project and traffic access. There are problems with wildlife on the road and more importantly with children playing, clients out for a walk, bikes, etc.

We are the only business on Hayes Creek Road that operates on a daily basis. We believe that we will be the most heavily impacted from a monetary basis. The proposed length of this project may ruin all the time and effort of the past years.

Finally, we are for the idea behind this project. It is in the best interests of the valley as a whole to insure that there is good fire prevention and a healthy forest. I suggest that clearing can be done in other ways and slash burned with helicopter logging for the small amount of good timber to be removed. There are other ways --- from research done – to accomplish this project.

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