

Tillamook County
Department of Community Development
201 Laurel Avenue
Tillamook, OR 97141

ATTN: Bill Campbell

RE: Zone Change and Ordinance Amendment Request OA-06-03 and ZC-06-04
Green Crow Corporation
Request for Mineral and Aggregate Resource Overlay Zone for mine areas.

Dear Mr. Campbell,

As homeowners in the Oceanside area, we are very concerned with the impact of the Green Crow Corporation requests on the extremely fragile environment and sensitive social, economic and scenic attributes of the Oceanside area. It is our consensus that the proposed expansion of the 'Lighthouse Quarry', the expansion and consolidation of the 'Mt. Meares Quarry' and '600 Line Quarry and the Overlay Zone for the '200 Line Quarry will significantly affect the quality of life and land values for us as well as the many other residents of Netarts, Cape Meares and other rural residents. Further, diminished property tax revenues due to property reassessments will have a negative financial impact countywide.

Our homes when built had to adhere to strict building codes because of the fragile environmental make-up of this area: the dunes, cliffs, beaches and coastal rainforest. Should not these same concerns be addressed when considering the impact of the expansion and use of the previously mentioned quarries?

If this fragile eco-system is to be protected, then the drilling and blasting within the quarries six days a week, plus the almost continuous hauling of around 140,000 truckloads of rocks must be seriously evaluated. Such activity has the potential to dramatically damage this fragile area and cause irreparable harm to the pristine area of the Cape Meares Loop as well as affect the value of our homes and businesses. Oregon's land use laws were developed and agreed to by the citizens of Oregon to protect the exception scenic values of the Oceanside area! Traffic, noise, scenic, wildlife, water quality impacts should be identified and mitigated, if possible. If they cannot be mitigated then the proposed expansions should be denied.

One only has to walk along the beaches of Netarts, Oceanside and Agate Beach, following the winter storms, to see the fragile nature of the topography; slides occur regularly because of the instability. Another concern of our community is the effect all quarry expansions will have on the adjacent water shed area which is the source of our water. These quarries are located very close to the main source of our supply. Has this concern been adequately addressed and studied? Has an assessment of the impact to any endangered species (i.e., bald eagles, red ??? hawk) been done?

Our discussions with other concerned residents in the area have identified the following primary issues which we feel need to be addressed before there is any consideration of approving Green Crow's proposal:

- The erosion of the bluffs and beaches below and adjacent to the quarries
- The aesthetic and noise impacts on one of the most scenic and ecologically diverse areas found along the Oregon coast. The impacts on these exceptional resources

are definitely well beyond what would be considered an accepted conditional use anywhere in Oregon or any state for that matter.

- The impacts to sensitive wildlife such as eagles, elk, deer, bear and their habitat due to noise and excavation.
- The damage to county roads and the safety of the traveling public.
- The financial impact to the community when tourism is negatively effected
- The threat to our homes, since they are primarily built on sand and the affect of noise, scenic and other impacts on our property values.
- The financial impact to the county due to negative property reassessments.

We believe that the quarry projects will cause drastic, irreparable destruction that far outweighs any economic benefit the quarries may present. There are no doubt other much more acceptable quarry sites found in the Coast range within acceptable distance of Tillamook that do not have the impacts of this proposal.

Lastly, as residents of this community, we are baffled that Green Crow's request is even being considered. Our understanding is that the county will receive no additional tax revenues in exchange for increased costs for road repair and a reduced tax base as a result of homeowner requests for property reassessments. Further, local businesses and rental property owners who rely on tourist dollars will suffer in the effected Oceanside, Netarts, and Cape Meares communities.

We respectfully submit these real concerns to the county for your consideration and action and appeal to you to seriously consider the far reaching and irreparable damage this proposal will have on the fragile, tranquil and beautiful area that we and others call home.