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Skagit County Planning & Development Services  
Attn: Leah Forbes  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

RE: Response to request for additional information dated February 1, 2023; SUP #PL-20-0507 and FPC #PL22-0453

Leah,

The following are our responses to your letter dated February 1, 2023. Where possible a concise explanation is given, for other items you will find additional attachments

1. Public Comment; Skagit Aggregates has provided a response to the single letter received during the public comment period. See "01 Response to Public Comments.pdf"
2. Critical Areas; See "02 Geologic Hazard Assessment Review of Reclamation Plan Proposed Surface mine expansion.pdf" In summary the Stratum Group states, "In conclusion my review of the mine excavation and reclamation plan is fully consistent with our recommendations and conclusions in our April 3, 2020 geology hazard assessment." Geologic Hazard Assessment Review of Reclamation Plan April 18, 2023
3. Fugitive Dust; See "03.1 Written Dust Suppression Plan – Rockport Pit" and "03.2 Written Dust Suppression Plan – Mobile Crushing Operation"
4. WSDOT Access Permit; Skagit Aggregates LLC is currently working with WSDOT on the Access Connection Permit, permit process is underway (steps 1-8 of the document have been completed) and will not be finalized until construction. We respectfully request that this be a condition of the permit to facilitate the progress of the current application.
5. Water; Skagit Aggregates confirms there is not an existing well on site.



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6. Noise and Vibration

- a. Noise; The original noise study from Green Busch Group Inc November 5, 2020 used Skagit County Code 9.50 and WAC Section 173-60 for its EDNA Maximum permissible Environmental Noise Levels. An updated Noise and Vibration Code Compliance Report was performed by the Green Busch Group July 12, 2023 following the requirements of Skagit County Code Section 14.16.840 (5) Performance Standards. Skagit Aggregates will follow the recommendations in the Green Busch Group Inc July 12, 2023.
- b. Vibration SUP #18 and SUP narrative item G-3 referenced a Greenbush study that they are unwilling to support as applying in general to a gravel operation. Please replace any citation to Green Bush Group Inc report with the attached "06 Noise and Vibration Code Compliance Report" June 12, 2023, that references site-specific vibration propagation characteristics measured on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Rockport pit. The conclusions of the study specific to Rockport pit did not change the statements in the SUP and Narrative, that vibration impact distances are expected to be less than 100 feet therefore normal operations will not result in any disturbance beyond our property due to the 100 foot mining setback. During reclamation equipment will be operating within the 100 foot mining setback but will still not travel beyond any 200 foot setback adjacent properties need to maintain with current zoning regulations.

7. Departmental or Agency Comments

- a. Public Works; Skagit Aggregates respectfully disagrees with the assertion that a road maintenance agreement should be required as a condition of issuing this permit. The property in question was granted an easement June 21<sup>st</sup> 1977, which in part of consideration for the conveyance required the county to "put the same into a condition to allow vehicle traffic..." Public Works assertion that the "Private" access road currently is in need of maintenance disregards the fact that Skagit Aggregates has been the only party maintaining any type of upkeep in the past few years. Per the mentioned easement Skagit County is the only party obligated to maintain the road. According to the narrative and traffic studies submitted for this permit we are not increasing the use or type of traffic across the road we are merely extending the time we will be using the road for gravel extraction. The existing easement does not restrict traffic in any way including type or time, additionally the easement was originally purchased for the purpose of resource extraction. Skagit Aggregates asserts that if Skagit County Public Works believes there should be maintenance on the road in question, negotiations should occur outside of this permitting process. If WSDOT determines that the entrance does not meet current standards for the road access permit at that time Skagit



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Aggregates will perform the necessary upgrades and or improvements to the entrance, as a part of the Access Connection Permit, which extends approximately 60 feet +/- from the centerline of Hwy 20.

- b. Fire Marshal; Skagit Aggregates has reviewed and agreed to the Fire Marshal Conditions. On February 24<sup>th</sup> Skagit Aggregates installed the requested KNOX lock on its entrance gate.
- c. Critical Areas; see Stratum Group response to item 2 above. Geologic Hazard Assessment Review of Reclamation Plan April 18, 2023
- d. PDS Water Resources; Skagit Aggregates agrees to the items and conditions.
- e. Environmental Health; Skagit Aggregates agrees to the items and conditions.
- f. Building; Skagit Aggregates agrees to the items and conditions.
- g. Storm Water; Skagit Aggregates agrees to the items pertaining to PL20-0507SUP. PL22-0435FPC. See 07.g.01 Grading Permit Application and associated additional files.
- h. Current Planning; no comments were received
- i. WSDOT; Skagit Aggregates is working with WSDOT on the Access Connection Permit, see response item 4 above.



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Skagit Aggregates believes we have addressed all concerns and provided all necessary additional information to fulfill your request from February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and continue the review of our applications, SUP #PL20-0507 and FPC #PL22-0435.

Sincerely,

*Steven D Dahl*

Steven Dahl  
CEO/President  
Skagit Aggregates LLC

Encl:

- 01 Response to Public Comments
- 02 Geologic Hazard Assessment Review of Reclamation Plan
- 03.1 Written Dust Suppression Plan – Rockport Pit
- 03.2 Written Dust Suppression Plan – Mobile Crushing Operation
- 04 WSDOT Access Application
  - 04.1 WSDOT Access Project JZ 1825
- 05 (no supporting documents)
- 06 Noise and Vibration Code Compliance Report 2023-07-12
- 07 01-07 Grading Permit Application and associated documents
  - 01 Application
  - 02 Lot Certification
  - 03 Access Easement AFN 858854
  - 04 Flood Hazard Panel 305 Zone C
  - 05 Stormwater Management Manual Compliance
  - 06 Stormwater Site Plan
  - 07 SEPA Environmental Checklist (Copy of SEPA for PL20-0570)