

March 31, 2003

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Planning Department
144 N. Binkley
Soldotna, Alaska 99669-7599
Attention: Kevin C. Williamson

Dear Sir or Madam,

In response to the proposed gravel pit: (parcel # 16516230, 1.8 mile North Fork Road) owner Cecil Jones, I strongly oppose this unsightly pit being so close to a residential area. Even though I am still in high school, this area has great sentimental and recreational value to me. My dad and I have always loved skiing and gathering berries in the tranquil muskeg amid the numerous wildlife presently living there. If this disgusting gravel pit were to be made, this would take away from the recreational space, quiet atmosphere and the pristine natural habitat that is crucial to survival of the animals. How horrible it is to think that this rich mossy land of muskeg will be completely destroyed, leaving ruin and pollution behind. Please consider these factors in your decision.

One also has to consider the decreased property value of the lots around the proposed gravel pit site that would result from that action being taken. This would affect that aspect as well as the overall value of that particular piece of land that is to be a gravel pit. When all of the dirt has been taken out, and the gravel pit has been exhausted, left items will most likely be; broken down machines, oil, and dangerous lakes which pose a risk to children living in this area.

I have only touched on a few of the valuable reasons for the gravel pit not to be made, and there are many more to be discussed. Another topic I would like to address is that of the quality of well water after a gravel pit takes place. In the past, many homeowners' wells have been negatively affected by the extremely deep digging into the Earth. My family and our neighbors have seen the evidence of clean water turn bad from careless gravel pit owners in the past, and I would not like that to happen to us as well.

I hope that you will take my opinions into consideration. Overall, I think that gravel pits are ugly, dangerous, and degrading. These are all perfectly good reasons for myself not wanting one in my back yard!

Respectfully,
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ATTACHMENT I