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PLANNING COMMISSION

April 21, 2020

Attached are all the written comments that were received prior to the Planning Commission public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 regarding Agenda Item 4a – Log storage Facility.

The attached items were received after the Planning Commission agenda was posted.

From: [Dan Switzer](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Subject: Anderson Brothers Construction proposed log storage and processing site use
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 7:35:08 AM

D. Volenski:

Ms. Hartman:

In light of the COVID-19 situation and social distancing requirements I would like to make some additional points to my previous letter regarding Mr. Anderson's site proposal in the event that the April 21, 2020 Planning Commission meeting is cancelled or held without public presence.

As I have written before we were subjected to Mr. Anderson's before-dawn to after-dark use of his heavy construction equipment on his property as he clear cut everything last Summer. We also had to deal with the dust and dirt his equipment created. Mr. Anderson left a 6'-8' high and wide pile of dead vegetation the length of his property line on the Neal Road side. Mr. Anderson recently burned that fire hazard which we in the area appreciate. In the past two weeks we have again been subjected to Mr. Anderson's equipment noise as he cleared the last section of his property closer to Neal Road from first light to late afternoon or evening.

Mr. Anderson's Skyway property is not compatible with a log storage deck and processing plant, or any other industrial use, under any circumstances! That property is zoned Residential and a development plan was approved by the Town of Paradise many years ago. We were advised that the property had been approved for a residential development by a previous owner when we purchased our property on Jade Lane in 1982. If Mr. Anderson wants to development his property, as zoned and approved, as a residential development I would support and appreciate that use. We would much rather look toward Skyway and see nice houses than the ugly state the property is currently in.

Although the noise and dust/dirt created by his equipment is serious, I believe the traffic disturbances and hazards such a use would cause is much more serious and would adversely affect every single person who uses the Skyway. I believe Mr. Anderson predicts that up to 280 large, heavily loaded trucks would use his log storage and processing plant each day. Those large, heavy vehicles would be traveling in both directions on Skyway at slow speeds (hopefully). They would be coming down Skyway, making a left turn on Skyway Crossroad, making another left turn onto Skyway then changing lanes and dropping their loads along the right side of Skyway at the log deck. The logs stored at the log deck would then need to be moved across Skyway to the processing site on the property between the lanes of Skyway. This kind of traffic would require full-time traffic control and result in traffic stoppages as the

logs are moved from one side of Skyway to the other.

I realize that traffic on Skyway is significantly reduced as a result of the Camp Fire but the usage has changed as a result of the fire. Heavy trucks and equipment loaded with building materials are significant users of Skyway now. The delivery of building materials to the Camp Fire area is necessary and much needed. Loaded cement trucks cannot sit stopped on Skyway while logs are delivered and moved from one side of Skyway to the other.

I am not a traffic engineer. I retired after a 37 year law enforcement career. I worked for police departments for 17 years, 13 of those years as a patrol officer, eight of those years were with the Paradise Police Department. I have 13 years of traffic enforcement training and experience. I am well-versed in recognizing traffic hazards and developing changes and plans to remove or mitigate traffic hazards. I have taken hundreds of traffic collision reports, possible thousands, over 13 years working patrol. I am intimately familiar with traffic conditions in Paradise. I can assure you that the traffic problems created by Mr. Anderson's proposal would be very serious and unacceptable to the people who use Skyway.

I am aware that the contract for the removal of hazardous trees on private property was recently cancelled. I am aware also that the need to remove dead and hazardous trees in Town and the burn scar area is extremely important. I do not believe there is a suitable site for a log storage and processing plant within the Town of Paradise. At the intersection of Clark Road and Durham - Pentz Road was a site that was used for log storage after the fire. Butte County created a traffic circle at that intersection solely for the purpose of the movement of large heavily loaded trucks to minimize the traffic delays, hazards and dangers. I suggest that same site be used for the storage and processing of logs removed from private property in Paradise.

Dan Switzer
Jade Lane
Paradise

RE: Planning commission April 21st meeting agenda item 4A
Anderson Non-Conforming Temporary Use Permit

I am writing this letter in strong opposition of the possible approval of a permit for the above mentioned proposal.

I am puzzled by the fact that the planning commission has seen numerous letters of objection by those of us living in and around the Anderson land to be used. Our objections are with valid reasoning to the proposed log storage / processing facility yet you appear to be set to green light the facility.

I know you have received letters in opposition by a professional truck driver and a professional traffic coordinator, the route on Skyway Crossroads that logging trucks will need to drive to get to the processing site is a very sharp and tight turn off the Skyway and would be extremely dangerous if not impossible given the very long trucks that will be used. This alone should put the planning commission and the TOP board on notice that lawsuits from possible traffic accidents will come from the decision to grant the permit even though other sites mentioned and some that haven't been mentioned are a much better location. Imagine I am at the stop sign north end of Skyway Cross Road trying to turn left towards Chico. There is no way a logging truck can turn left on to Skyway Crossroad with me there. He will need to stop for me to proceed or I will need to back up. Can't do that with a car behind me.

In addition, the proposed site is situated off the Skyway as you enter our town of Paradise. A lumber yard at the entrance of a town would be very unsightly. Is this the first thing you want people who are thinking about building in Paradise to see when they drive into the area? Let alone the property is zoned for residential housing for good reason as it is surrounded by existing neighborhoods and Camp Fire survivors trying to rebuild their homes and lives.

If you are going to open up to rezoning even if temporary, it will be hard to say no to the next rezoning request for these types of industrial and business use to move into residential neighborhoods.

As for the very serious health concerns that this make shift lumber/logging site will have let me say a lot of people may be affected. For example my wife has Asthma. She will likely need to stay indoors or even relocate during this operation. This is what she had to do for months after the Camp fire. This was very hard on our family and on the business we own and operate in Paradise. It is not right to again put her health and others like her in jeopardy and confine them to their homes or make them move out of the areas just so an unnecessary and unwanted logging site can be moved into a residential zone.

I doubt that any of you live near Mr Andersons land and proposed site for it to be much of a concern to you. It may be easy for you to say yes and approve this project because it will not negatively impact your daily lives. However, most of you were involved in the Camp Fire and experienced loss and emotional trauma. Have some compassion please for those of us who chose to stay and rebuild in Paradise and want to enjoy the clean air and beauty of homes and our Town.

I understand that many of use still need to clear burned trees, I am one of them but there are numerous better sites for this operation that are currently in use and also land which is open and available and not in residential only zones.

I know Anderson now says he is Non Profit, How convenient. No one thinks he isn't in this for profit. In fact it appears he has now invited Cal OES to use his site. What a debacle this is becoming.

There is at least one Planning Commission board person who is good friends with Anderson, in fact long time neighbors. This member should have recused himself instead of lobbying for this permit to be approved.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dale Wagoner

Blue Oaks Terrace home owner

From: [Karen Magee](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Subject: Anderson Log Storage
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 7:34:24 AM

As a resident of Paradise and Zone 10 resident I whole heartedly object the site proposal for the Log Storage and Processing Yard. This site will be a disruption in quality of life, safety risk, health hazard for all of us living in Paradise but especially for those in Zone 10 located near the site. I believe traffic will be a major issue as large trucks make their way in and out into a heavily trafficked area passing risk to residents commuting. Processing and chipping of fire burned trees pose a major health risk to all as ash from the trees will be blown and distributed into the air causing respiratory issues if allowed to be processed in a residential area (or area very close to). Paradise wants a great quality of life up here and has stated numerous times it wants its residents to enjoy living up here again. I assure you placing this Processing and Storage plant in a residential area (near), as proposed, will cause the residents of Paradise to resent the people we rely on, that we placed in office, to do what's best for our residents. The United States Department of Labor outlines many health hazards associated with log processing. These risks can be found here There are many articles discussing the toxins that are released and can effect people up to 2 miles away that are a direct association with log processing.

Below is a list of the immediate and possible ramifications of this site:

1. Traffic congestion and dangerous road conditions as well as the excess noise involved in the operation.

For the operation itself large trucks will generate much slow traffic as the trucks navigate in an out of the facility. Skyway is congested at the Neal Junction so this is a salient issue for all entering and leaving Paradise on a daily basis.

2. Health hazards of the dust emitted

Exposure to Cobalt -Stellite tipped saw blades generate a fine dust containing cobalt when sharpened. Cobalt is a silvery, bluish-white, odorless, and magnetic metal. The fume and dust of cobalt metal is odorless and black. Cobalt also is combustible and burns brilliantly in air at room temperature. Dusts of cobalt metal or cobalt compounds may form explosive mixtures in air.

Inhalation of cobalt metal fume and dust may cause interstitial fibrosis, interstitial pneumonitis, myocardial and thyroid disorders, and sensitization of the respiratory tract and skin.

Chronic cobalt poisoning may also produce polycythemia and hyperplasia of the bone marrow. Among 12 workers engaged in the manufacture or grinding of tungsten carbide tools (cobalt is used as a binder for tungsten carbide crystals), who developed interstitial lung disease, there were eight fatalities.

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Ultimately this log storage and processing yard should not be in town.

Please DO NOT place temporary profits over your recovering and future residents quality of life, safety, health. The income earned from the "Log Storage and Processing Yard" will be a small fraction of money versus the immediate and long term damage you will have caused your residents by approving this site location at the Anderson site.

Thank you,

Richard and Karen Magee
Jade Lane
Paradise, CA

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steven McFarland](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Subject: "Log Storage & Processing Yard"
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:52:28 AM

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Thank you,

Steven McFarland
Zone 10 Resident

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May 15, 2020

Paradise Planning Commission
Town Hall
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Paradise, CA 95969

This is to express our objection to the application by Anderson Brothers for a temporary use permit for industrial puposes on their 38 acre parcel (APN: 051-240-012) on the Skyway. The parcel in question comes to within 500 ft of our residence on Neal Road.

The sole consideration, it seems to us, is that the parcel in question is zoned RR 2/3. Except for a few lots between the lanes of the Skyway that are zoned CC, every property adjoining the parcel in question, and every property within a very considerable distance of it is, and has long been, zoned exclusively for residential purposes: TR 1/3 PD, RR 1/2, RR 2/3, AR 1 (ours), and AR 3.

Throughout this neighborhood there are standing houses to which residents including us have returned and other parcels where neighbors have rebuilt, moved into, or are presently rebuilding fine single-family dwellings. Every one of us deserves the protection conferred by existing zoning. Any departure constitutes a breach of trust between the town and its citizens.

We would appear at the April 21 hearing but are isolating and cannot.

Finally, a personal note. Ours is a property that has been home to our family for more than a century and has never been used for purposes other than those permitted by its existing AR 1 zoning. Although the two of us were employed elsewhere in the county, we have lived here all our married lives. Now one of us is recovering from cancer treatments and the other is nearing 80. Because of the virus we are confined here indefinitely. The Anderson brothers' property is on the hillside directly facing us, from which we would be exposed to all the noise of their proposed operation, twelve hours a day, seven days a week. We beg you not to inflict this on us or on our neighbors.


Carl and Mary Peterson

cc: Ms Susan Hartman
Acting Planning Director

April 20, 2020

FROM: Marjama Family Partners, Vista Village

TO: Town of Paradise Planning Commission

SUBJECT: Planning Commission Meeting 4/21/20 – Log Processing Lot (Anderson)

As owners of Vista Village, located between the split Skyway and Crossroad, we represent a development of 52 senior residences of which 24 survived the event that altered our community and lives. We wish to speak for ourselves rather than others using our property in their comments. After reviewing the information provided in the Agenda Packet and having a detailed conversation with David Anderson, we encourage approval of the project.

Until any dead/dying trees are removed from our community, the whole town will show the scars. The proposal includes mitigation measures for noise and air quality that we feel are of minimal impact to our development and residents especially since it does not utilize the Crossroad. This is a short-term inconvenience that has so much potential to help the town and residents. It is also dependent on finding funding to proceed and is limited in traffic, size and time. However, WE DO NOT WANT ANYONE TO THINK THAT OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT CAN OR WILL BE CONSTRUED AS SUPPORT FOR THE Cal OES SITE LOCATED ON THE WALMART PROPERTY. We do not and will not support the site due to its size, traffic, scope and safety for the residents in our property.

We understand that our community has a lot of needs and a major concern is tree removal. This project will also help the healthy trees stay healthy and protect damages to properties and structures in our town. We are unaware of any other project that can and will help the residents of Paradise like the Alliance Builders Foundation. Also any revenue would stay local for our residents. For these reasons this project has our support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marjama Family Partners
Wendy Rickards
Greg Marjama
Doug Marjama

Jim Broshears
7271 Pentz Rd
Paradise, CA 95969
April 20, 2020

Planning Commission
5555 Skyway
Paradise, CA 95969

RE: PL19-00383 Anderson Brothers Corp. Temporary Use Permit – “Log Storage & Processing Yard”
Appeal

Planning Commission:

I am writing regarding the appeal hearing for a temporary log storage site on Skyway proposed by Anderson Brothers Corp. I am not speaking for or against the appeal for this specific site but will be addressing specific items provided to the planning commission that ask for a denial of the permit.

Shortly after the Camp Fire in 2018 there was a recognition by the Town and County that the large number of dead and dying trees that posed a direct hazard to roadways, surviving homes and lots made vacant by the fire. In order to safely rebuild the communities devastated by the fire, these trees would need to be addressed. The Town and County formed the Timber and Biomass Division of the Disaster Recovery Operations Center to address this hazard. Like almost every other aspect of the Camp Fire, the damage to trees by a wildfire in a semi-urban setting was unprecedented.

In January of 2019, the Butte County Fire Safe Council hired a team to assess the number of dead and dying trees that would affect roads, homes and parcels in Paradise and lower Magalia. An estimated 386,000 trees were identified that met that criteria. Some of those trees were immediately removed by the Town and County in order to safely reopen the areas the Camp Fire area to the public and some were removed by P&E.

The remaining trees still are a significant fire and health hazard. As these trees deteriorate and become increasingly unstable, the risk of falling trees and branches will become greater as time passes. This has resulted in ordinances enacted by both the Town and County declaring these trees to be a safety hazard that must be addressed. In recognition of the extreme hazard these trees create, both the Town and County requested disaster assistance under the Stafford Act Declaration of Emergency for the Camp Fire for funding to remove these trees. This type of request is very unusual but because of the high degree of hazard, the funding was approved and the sign-up portion of that program is still underway. This is a clear indication by the Town, County, OES and FEMA that the hazard was unlike any others and would require actions that had never been conducted before to mitigate and are being conducted under the disaster declaration.

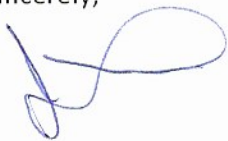
These conditions clearly justifies the Urgency Ordinances and the need for new and innovative solutions to so massive a problem. The Ordinances articulate a strict set of conditions to address issues such as fire safety, storm water management, dust, and air quality in order to protect the public and mitigate hazards generated on the site. These is not a sawmill operations. Logs and biomass will in most cases be chipped and hauled to power generating facility. The closer to the tree removal this can be completed, the less expensive it is. And the greater the savings to property owners.

The need for local legal log storage and processing sites became apparent as the Butte County Fire Safe Council started to conduct emergency tree removals to assist property owners in removing hazard trees to allow them to return to existing homes or begin rebuilding prior to the availability of any government assistance. In order to reduce costs, the BCFSC advocated for ordinances in both the County and Town to create a limited number of temporary log storage and processing sites. The first site located in Magalia was designed to shorten the distance that logs and tree debris (biomass) need to be hauled. If logs and biomass could be processed locally, the reduced time and distance would result in significant savings for each tree removed. In addition, by chipping the material onsite, there would be at least five fewer truckloads of loads of logs going through Town and on to a more distant facility to be processed. This directly resulted in a cost reduction of \$500 per tree. \$500 per tree represents a savings of \$500,000 for every 1000 trees removed. In the case of this program the BCFSC used grant funds and was able to remove twice as many trees for residents based on the savings generated by having a local processing sites. That program is no longer available and now residents can choose between signing up for the CAL OES/FEMA program or choose to remove them on their own. Any savings to the cost of tree removal will be one more dollar towards recovery and rebuilding individual homes and our community. The cost savings will clearly be in millions of dollars based on the number of remaining trees.

At this point there are no permitted log storage sites in the Town under the Urgency Ordinance. Existing log decks that were identified in the hearing request information are either part of a legal Timber Harvest Plan (THP) administered by Cal Fire or are illegal and unregulated. None of the sites are processing materials by converting timber into chips for hauling to a power generation facility.

In summary, the purpose of this letter is to identify the validity and need for the Urgency Ordinance for log storage and processing sites in the Town and County in order to provide a public benefit by making hazard tree removal less costly and more efficient for our property owners and community as we recover from this catastrophic wildfire.

Sincerely,



Jim Broshears

From: [Don & Pam Hall](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:56:06 AM

Good Evening Planning Commission,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to listen to commented families returning to our homes in "Paradise". My name is Don Hall and was born and raised in Paradise for 63 years and seeing alot of change. After the fire our life was put on hold due to insurance issues. Anderson Bros. came along side not only to me and my family but many in our community helping us in returning to the ridge. I have seen the caring demonstrated by Dave and his family in not just fire related but through the years seeing Paradise grow making a beatiful place to live. I would like to ask you for the support needed to allow Anderson Bros. move forward and let them give back to the community in this temporary area to service logs and groom our Town back as it is greatly needed. I would also like to publicly thank Anderson Bros.again for your help to all of us in these trying times.

once again, thank you for your time.

Don Hall

From: [Matt Miller](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Cc: ["Matt Miller"; Hartman, Susan](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 8:33:22 PM

4/20/20

Dear Town Council,

Our property directly abuts the proposed site to the south east. We are fortunate because our home survived the fire. We live here in peace albeit with the new view of the Skyway and the additional noise, but we are very grateful. I'll keep it brief since I'm sure you have heard an earful from others.

1. I would not want the operation of any of the wood yard on the east side of the creek; which I don't think is in the plan anyway.
2. I am concerned with northerly winds creating a significant dust and air quality issue and would like to know what the formal process is for reporting this so the operation can be stopped almost immediately if airborne dust is visible at all on our property.
3. If approved I want assurance the end date is not flexible. I would rather see the proposed end date extended initially for a period of a few months than have to fight over how much to extend it later. This MUST have a firm date of cessation and return to peace and quiet, or put it in a properly zoned location and let it run as long as needed.
4. This temporary use permit cannot be used as a method for land use zoning change.
5. Operation of chipping or sawing equipment should be allowed only between 0730-1800 hours any operating day with all traffic stopped and off premise by 1900 hours.
6. No operation of chipping or sawing equipment on Sundays. Loading for transport and off-loading of materials should be limited on Sundays to the hours of 0730-1600 hours.
7. After the end date of operation any remaining bulk wood chips, brush, or logs should be removed within 45 days.

Like many others I wish we weren't in this position. I'm not opposed to this effort and Dave and team getting this done, particularly if it succeeds in creating a better Paradise. Sure would like to see our town prosper and getting it cleaned up is a necessary step.

Sincerely,
Matt Miller
Craft Lane

From: [Don & Pam Hall](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:37:11 AM

Dear town of paradise planning commission,

Dave and Joy their son's Justin and Cody and their daughter in laws Karissa and Emily have always been a huge asset to the town of Paradise and especially since the fire. They are working long hours to help the town come back. They are building homes for people at a low cost ,which is helping bring the underinsured back. Our town is a better place because of Anderson Brothers . .

Please give Dave a permit to help clean up our town and make it beautiful again. Anderson Brothers do Quility work. Our town is blessed to have people that care so much about it and the people in it . Thank you for your time .

Sincerely, Pam Hall

From: [al Ledford](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Subject: Re: Additional information for Planning Commission agenda item 4(a) - Log storage facility.
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:40:29 AM

Planning Commision hearing 4/21/2020.

All 28 of us at Blue Oak Terrace, Paradise

are still opposed to Anderson Log site right next to our community.

With 285 trucks 7 AM through 7 PM we've seen no plans for entry and exit of the site.

With that many trucks entering skyway ,and exiting, will require traffic lights. I live on the corner of Cross Road and Skyway and

the noise level will be terrible.

Our property values will plummet.

After this proposal, now what, before it was a cement crushing plant now this.

Al Ledford

Tuscan Dr. Paradise

On Mon, Apr 20, 2020 at 11:15 AM Volenski, Dina <dvolenski@townofparadise.com> wrote:

Attached is the link to the Paradise Planning Commission agenda packet for the April 21, 2020 meeting. Additional information has been added to agenda item 4(a) regarding the proposed log storage facility. (beginning on page 140 through 203) The information was included in the March 17, 2020 Planning Commission agenda packet, but inadvertently not included in the April 21, 2020 Agenda packet.

<https://www.townofparadise.com/index.php/our-government/agendas-and-minutes>

From: [Eric & Kendale Swanson](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Subject: TELEPHONE PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:32:34 AM

To Whom It May Concern

We are writing to show our support for Anderson Bros request for a temporary permit.

Dave Anderson is a very amazing and great man and asset to our community.

When the contractor we had been working with for 3 months suddenly said they could not longer help us rebuild our home, Dave did not hesistate to take us on as clients and help us with our rebuild.

He went above and beyond to get us back into our home. Never once did we feel like he was taking advantage of our family or ripping us off. We also know many others he has helped rebuild and get back into their new homes.

He quoted us a price per sq foot and that is what we paid. Many times when we would stop by to check on the progress of our property he would be working, even when it was late into the evening. Just making sure things were done right.

His sole purpose is to help rebuild our community. He is honest, kind and goes above and beyond to help others. He is not in it for the money but to get Paradise back to what it was, our beautiful town!

Thank You

Eric and Kendale Swanson

Dear Town of Paradise,

It is with great honor that I write this letter concerning Anderson Brothers Corporation and the Anderson family. Since the tragic fire that swept through Paradise and the surrounding communities in the fall of 2018 Anderson Brothers has been working relentlessly to rebuild Paradise. Anderson Brothers is a multi generational family owned and operated corporation that has been rooted in Paradise for many decades. This family has a long history in Paradise, they love their town and they are committed to rebuilding it for future generations to enjoy.

I have personally known this family for almost 40 years. I grew up with their sons Justin and Cody who are involved in the operation of this corporation with their father and I have seen their character first hand. Dave, Justin and Cody are three men who are for the town and for the people of the town. All of my family who lived in Paradise lost their homes in the fire. My parents, my dad who has lived in Paradise for over 60 years and my mom almost 60 years decided to rebuild in on their property. They along with many others unfortunately were under insured. During the busy and exhausting days that the first year of recovery demanded of Anderson Brothers they were extremely thoughtful, kind and generous to my parents who are now just a few months from moving into their new home and rebuilding their lives again in Paradise. This was made possible because of Anderson Brothers and the Anderson family.

Not only has the Anderson family supported my parents in time of need but the they have been financial supporters of my family and I with our philanthropic work in Africa for over a decade and we are incredibly grateful for their generosity. As you can see, the Anderson family and Anderson Brothers Corporation are people who care about people, in their home town and across the oceans. I feel it would be in the best interest of the Town of Paradise to seek every effort to work closely with Anderson Brothers in allowing them to allocate their property for temporary use in processing logs and vegetation as a non profit. They are people who are committed to seeing the town of Paradise rise up from the ashes to become the place that it's name implies, Paradise.

Sincerely,

Brian Hall

Sports Friends Ethiopia

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To: Town of Paradise Planning Commission
Subject: Anderson Brothers Log Processing site use.

My name is Bill Happ. My wife and I moved to 155 Jay Bird Lane in Paradise in March of 2017. We moved next door to our son and his family, planning to spend our retirement years living next door. Both of our homes and almost all of our possessions were destroyed in the Camp fire. While I would like to build our new home in Paradise I have been presented with many issues along the way that keep making my decision to rebuild a difficult one. To get right to the point of this letter I will say that I am in agreement with my neighbors, Dan Switzer and Karen Magee. My son's property on Jay Bird Lane adjoins the location of the proposed project, and mine is 400' away looking straight across the ravine at this site. Having a noisy industrial site this close to my home is unacceptable, and once it is developed I can only believe that temporary occupancy will be extended and possible zoning change will happen. Should this site plan be approved It may just be the straw that breaks the Camel's back as they say. Approving this plan will be a great disservice to the owners and residents of Paradise Zone 10, and May be the final issue that causes me to relocate elsewhere.

Sincerely
Bill and Dana Happ
Jay Bird Lane
Paradise CA

4.21.20

From Ed Birdseye, Blue Oaks Terrace Tenant

Re: Log processing plant along Skyway

My name is Ed Birdseye. Brenda and I have lived in Blue Oaks Terrace for over three years now. We've had to evacuate twice over that period of time; once for two days; and for the Camp Fire we had to leave our home for over two months.

We are both retired. Our home is our dream home. We just completed a large improvement in back of our house, including a pool, three decks, a pool house/art room. We love this area, and moved here to take a step back in time, with cleaner air, cooler temps, and a less congested area.

We oppose this proposed construction site for several reasons: 1) The Welcome to Paradise sign's location is approximately 100 yards from this proposed wood processing plant. This is the gateway to the Town of Paradise, which should be a beautiful, scenic experience entering our town, not a further reminder of the horrific event in November of 2018. The proposed plant will be an eyesore at the entry of our town, and will be congested with a steady flow of large, log hauling trucks bringing traffic congestion, diesel exhaust, noise and pollution for our residents. Our water supply could also be threatened.

There are many elderly and retired residents in Blue Oaks whom came here for peace and tranquility. We paid high prices for our homes and property. This project location should have been turned away immediately, for all the obvious reasons, saving us the hassle, and our time, to fight this project going forward. But here we are. We would like to know if the Town of Paradise has been offered incentives to accept this project, as it's rather shocking this project site location is even being considered.

We will have a heavy dose of air, sound, soil, water and visual pollution, as well as traffic congestion. These are good, valid reasons to reject this project. This piece of property butts up against Blue Oaks, a residential neighborhood. It is a beautiful neighborhood, rebuilding itself after losing almost half the homes in the neighborhood.

We currently have several residents who are physically compromised, frail, shaken, from the Camp Fire. Some already have breathing complications. We've all suffered enough, and are of one accord to reject this construction site on our border. The proposed property for this project is a more proper site, possibly, for beautiful homes comparable to those in Blue Oaks Terrace, and certainly not for a wood processing plant. I worked in lumber mills for four years when I was younger, and am fully aware of the sawdust produced from a plant. The wind blows most the time in this area, and we'll be forced to ingest, inhale, and clean up this sawdust if you allow this project to go forward.

The dust, dirt, burnt wood, contaminants, the heavy equipment and logging trucks, will be a major disruption to our lives. Please reject this permit at this location, and keep Skyway beautiful, and help the good people of Blue Oaks to maintain a peaceful, healthy environment to live in.

Sincerely,

A white rectangular box redacting the signature of the sender.

Ed Birdseye

From: [Gail Flanegin](#)
To: [Volenski, Dina](#)
Cc: [Jim Flanegin](#)
Subject: Please Deliver to Planning Meeting 6PM, Tuesday 4/21
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:44:10 PM

Hello: I was unable to get this letter to anyone on the Paradise Planning Commission and would like it to be included for the record.

To: Paradise Planning Commission and AFB

Re: Please Deny Temp Permit for *Skyway Wood Storage / Processing* (e.g. "chipping and grinding processing/storage operation")

As a resident of a neighborhood adjoining the site proposed by Anderson Brothers Corporation for industrial-scale log processing, I respectfully request that you deny this permit for the following reasons:

1. The proposed site is
 1. Shown on the town's zoning map as "Zoned RR2/3 (Rural Residential) with a land Use Designation of RR--The developer has built several subdivisions and could do so here.
 2. Surrounded by occupied homes that survived the Camp Fire and/or are rebuilding.
 3. Directly adjacent to my neighborhood, which was not completely destroyed by the Camp Fire (22 occupied homes remain of 27 before the fire).
1. This Industrial-scale "chipping and grinding processing/storage operation") Project poses health and safety risks to Residents bordering it:
 1. Fire Hazard: Dried wood log piles 20 feet high by 300 feet wide by 500 feet in length pose a dangerous fire hazard to all adjoining properties.
 2. Environmental risks: to the Nance Canyon pond used by Cal Fire (directly behind my home on Blue Oak Terrace land adjoining the proposed site).
 3. Risks to Blue Oak Terrace well-water-storage tank (uncovered and may actually be within 300 feet of the proposed site).
 4. Operational Noise and Dust Seven days/week, 7 am to 7 pm: 285 trucks & personnel/day (80 percent heavy) will destroy any sense of peace and tranquility and fresh air the residents have and will ensure no wildlife returns.
2. To my knowledge there is no water service or well to provide dust control or Fire Protection.
3. The Skyway location is designated in the Town's general plan as a "Scenic Highway Corridor" along one of the town's three existing gateways--this connects Chico to Paradise. Industrial sites at every gateway may deter quality growth of the Town.

There are many suitable sites in already-designated industrial areas of the Town for this type of operation. The other two gateways, Clark and Neal, already have industrial sites.

4. The proposed site does not have proper ingress, egress, deceleration, or acceleration lanes for traffic. Slow heavy trucks entering / exiting Skyway will pose a hazard to all motorists.
5. Who is ultimately responsible/accountable for daily chipping/grinding, processing/storage operations and final cleanup? Given that (I am quoting a Paradise Post Article)

“Anderson plans to acquire the temporary use permit, then lease that property to AKB, which would **not** run the site, Anderson said.” “AKB would also hire local tree companies to work at the site.”

6. Temporary permits are often granted extensions; things can become permanent.
7. Question: “to take down CAL OES unqualifying trees,” Why would CAL OES designate Anderson’s ill-suited site as one of their eight Butte county processing sites if the trees he proposes handling are not qualified under the CAL OES program?

For the above reasons, I strongly oppose placing this project in the Skyway area. A more suitable location for this operation is an industrial area. We would never have purchased a home near an industrial area and certainly won’t be able to sell one near an industrial area.

Thank you for your consideration

Jim Flanegin

Gail Flanegin

Tuscan Drive, Paradise, CA 95969

Gail