

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

RESOLUTION NO. 03-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE MONROE, SULTAN, GOLD BAR, INDEX, SKYKOMISH AND GRANITE FALLS CITY COUNCILS REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF THE PROPOSED SNOHOMISH COUNTY MINERAL RESOURCE LANDS PLAN AND REGULATIONS PENDING REVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AND REQUESTING AMENDMENT OF THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR MINERAL EXCAVATION.

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services has recently issued a draft Mineral Resource Lands Plan and Regulations document to address Mineral Lands Designations in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, once the Mineral Resource Lands Plan and Regulations are adopted they will govern the designation and development of the considerable mineral resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Monroe, Sultan, Gold Bar, Index, Skykomish and Granite Falls have organized and with collective voice are united in their position that the draft Mineral Resource Lands Plan and Regulations are incomplete; and

WHEREAS, the East Snohomish County area has experienced a great surge in population over the last decade, and according to the US Census Bureau, cities within Snohomish County are among the fastest growing areas in all of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Monroe, Sultan, Gold Bar, Index, and Skykomish are in the process of identifying safety and capacity related issues and resources for funding safety and capacity related improvements to SR-2; and

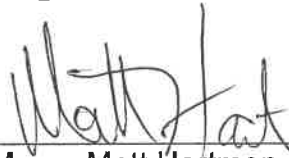
WHEREAS, it is well documented that the traffic volumes along State Highway 92 and in downtown Granite Falls already exceed design capacity and additional avoidable volume added to the roadways as they currently exist is ill-advised and unsafe; and

WHEREAS, the Mineral Resource Lands Plan and Regulations fail to adequately address the impacts that mineral extraction and transportation will have on neighborhoods and other residential areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Mineral Resource Lands Plan and Regulations contained considerable deficiencies with regards to assessing and addressing traffic impacts as well as insufficient administrative processes which limit the ability of the greater community of Snohomish County to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Granite Falls that we firmly request that the Mineral Lands Resource Study be withdrawn pending inclusion of analyses of transportation and land use impacts associated with mineral activities in Snohomish County.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Granite Falls on the 25th day of June, 2003.



Mayor Matt Hartman
City of Granite Falls

Attest:

Gerry James
City Clerk