

February 13, 2009

Dear Neighbor,

It has been several months since my last update and I thought it would be worthwhile to bring you up to speed on what's happening with the mining permit on Ueland Tree Farm property.

Kitsap County has spent the past six months reviewing the documents we provided with the application, as well as asking for additional details about a few aspects of the proposal, often in response to questions from neighbors and other interested parties, including other agencies and County staff. The County is working on developing a draft EIS by March 2009. Once the draft EIS is issued, there will be a 30 day written comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

At the end of the comment period, DCD staff and the EIS consultant will review the comments to determine what responses are required in the Final EIS. The comments will determine the work necessary to develop the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The time between the draft and issuance of the final is generally six to eight weeks. It can be longer if significant new work is required.

Once the FEIS is issued there is a fifteen day appeal period.

The public hearing before the County Hearing Examiner is typically scheduled four to six weeks after the end of the fifteen day appeal period. The County is shooting for a May or June Hearing Examiner date. This means the draft EIS should be issued in March.

The Hearing Examiner generally issues a decision on the proposal and any appeals within three to six weeks after the hearing.

As soon as we hear anything else we will let you know and post it to our web site.

Please visit our web site at uelandtreefarm.com for copies of maps and completed reports. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to submit them using the blue "[click here](#)" section at the bottom of the website. It is a link to our e-mail.

Thank you,

Craig and Niki Ueland

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