



April 8, 2023

Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), Klickitat County
205 S Columbus, Room 103
Goldendale, WA 98620

Submitted via email to: BoCC@KlickitatCounty.org

Re: Walton Rezone Public Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

At the Trout Lake Community Council (TLCC) April 4th meeting we discussed the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Walton rezone application (Rezone ZON 2022-02). Several community members were present as well as Ben Beseda from Tenneson Engineering. The Waltons, unfortunately, were out of town and unable to attend.

Zone changes are inherently controversial. This rezone is especially problematic when taken in the context of a comprehensive plan that is almost three decades old as well as the uncertainty as to the level of development that will occur. Despite the fact that the 1995 comprehensive plan designated these 40 acres as rural center, it was rezoned as Extensive Agriculture and has been managed, and taxed, as such for a number of years.

Given the controversial nature of this rezone, the Trout Lake Community Council is of the opinion that holding a public meeting, with limited notice and opportunity for public comment, would not provide sufficient opportunity for the BoCC to fully consider all aspects of this decision. We are, therefore, requesting that a public hearing on this matter be held. A hearing will provide opportunity for members of our community to communicate their concerns, or their support, for this proposal.

Respectfully,

DAINA L. BAMBE

Chair, Trout Lake Community Council

Cc: TLCC members
Ross and Ashlyn Walton
Ben Beseda