

My property is located directly south and downhill of the proposed expansion of the current mine. If the expansion is approved there will be one lot between the mine and our property. Stordahl has also purchased the land that borders us on the north and east directly next to our land. He bought approximately 400 acres next to our 160 acres owned by my brothers and myself. Our land has been in the family since our grandparents bought it in the 1930's. In 1995 we formed Huntley Tree Farm in honor of their name for the purpose of growing and managing a family tree farm which was consistent with the surrounding land owned by Weyerhaeuser. I have no problem with a small rock pit that meets the need of forestry roads and the surrounding community. I also have no problem with adding a parcel to store the overburden for the existing mine but I have a big problem with expanding the mine beyond the existing mine borders. For the life of me I don't understand how possible expansion of the 400 acres that Stordahl owns would be compatible with forestry within a community and the scenic area of the Lewis River. I understand that the county has a need for rock to service the whole county. I just think it would make more sense to develop a larger quarry on land that is further from communities and scenic recreational areas even though it would cost more for the gravel. If Stordahl has no intention of expanding the mine but keeping the existing forestland in timber as he has stated for a "buffer" then he ought to be willing to put that in writing.