To Richard Daviau,

I am submitting my comments for the hearing for the proposed permit from Jordan Ramis PC company for surface mining and material processing, including rock crushing in the GLSA 40 zoning district within the Columbia River Scenic Area. I am very concerned about the illegal mining occurring at Zimmerly Mine, located north of Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge. The county has a responsibility to uphold the rules and regulations under the Scenic Area Act. Zimmerly’s history of illegally dumping missions of gallons of mining runoff into Gibbons Creek and Steigerwald Lake should serve as a warning to the county that the Zimmerly mine should not be allowed and requested permits should be denied. I have served as a volunteer Trail Steward at Steigerwald National Wildlife for over 2 years prior to the pandemic, and I witnessed the noise that resulted from the 340 truckloads per day going to and from the pit. The mining is not only illegal; it is in violation of land use laws and is occurring without required permits. I urge the county to protect the wildlife, school children and water quality from this terrible mining. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.