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Jerry Noble
260 Kubli road
Grants Pass, Or.

Board of Commissioners
Josephine County Courthouse
Grants Pass, Or.

Re: Copeland Sand & Gravel

Dear Sirs:

We have operated a farm in the Applegate Valley for the last twenty years.

During a large portion of this time Copeland Sand & Gravel has been digging and crushing gravel in this general area.

Three years ago we signed a contract with them to remove gravel on a portion of our land that was not farmable. They have worked to make their operation as quiet and dust free as possible. They oil and maintain the roads on a regular basis. This property is within a half mile of the houses on our ranch, and no one has ever been bothered by the noise. Sometimes, we even forget they are there; and have to stop and listen, to tell if they are still working.

We don't understand why they should not be allowed to remove the gravel from the state property in question. Based on our experience, they are going to do the best job they can and cause as little inconvenience as possible.

Sincerely,


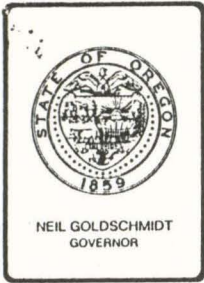

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5286 TABLE ROCK ROAD, CENTRAL POINT, OREGON 97502 PHONE 776-6170

December 17, 1991

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Dear Dave:

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After touring the site on October 22, 1991 and reviewing the plans for the operation, I do not feel that the operation will have a detrimental effect on the Applegate River or the fish and wildlife populations in the area as long as the 100-foot, undisturbed buffer is maintained; no water is discharged from the operation; all laws and permit conditions are obeyed; and the site is reclaimed per the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) instructions.

Since the site has been disturbed by previous mining activities, operating at this site would have less impact than operating at an undisturbed site. In fact, if the site is reclaimed by constructing a pond according to DOGAMI requirements, the site could provide better wildlife habitat than it does now.

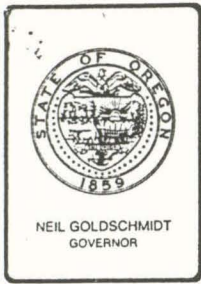
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