

Gravel Trucks Will Make Sunny Valley Less Safe

Letter To The Editor

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If Josephine County's Rural Area Planning Commission allows the application for the proposed aggregate mining site in Sunny Valley to happen, no more will our children be able to safely walk to the creek or ride their bikes. No more will my neighbors be able to jog, walk their dogs or ride their horses safely on our quiet road. No more stopping to say hi to a friend walking down the road. There will be gravel trucks, up to one every 6 minutes, coming and going 10 hours a day. The safety of our mail carrier, your Courier carrier, and school buses will now be in harm's way.

I have lived here for more than 35 years and have never been so concerned for my community. How dare they call themselves Sunny Valley Sand and Gravel, they don't even live in Sunny Valley. There is no high demand for this resource, as they claim but have so far not proven. Very few jobs will be added and no benefit to our community. It's just not worth the trade off.

One more interesting thing, the decline in property values for surrounding homes can't even be a part of the decision-making process by the planning commissioners.

This will affect everyone in Sunny Valley, and if you have trees that provide some form of privacy to your property, they can be cut down if it is determined they block the view for these trucks.

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