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Reply to Yakima Office

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via first class mail and email to Dinahr@co.yakima.wa.us

Ms. Dinah Reed, Senior Project Planner
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Yakima, WA 98901

Re: Fryslan Ranch Conditional Use Permit File Number: CUP 2016-00019

Dear Ms. Reed:

I am responding on behalf of Fryslan Ranches, LLC ("Fryslan") to your letter dated July 16, 2020, regarding certain compliance issues related to Fryslan's Conditional Use Permit No. CUP 2016-00019.

I understand that you recently conducted a site visit and noted that certain calves have not yet been relocated from the properties that are the subject of that certain Declaration of Well Monitoring Covenant recorded March 29, 2019, under Yakima County Auditor's File No. 8010841 (the "Well Covenant Properties").

You indicated in your letter that you saw cows located on Yakima County Parcel No. 230909-33001 (located at the Northeast Corner of Hornby Rd. and Stover Rd.); however, all cows have been removed from this parcel, which is currently being used as a parking lot and soccer field. We believe the pictures attached to your letter were taken looking to the Northwest at the intersection of Hornby and Stover Roads. The County's photograph appears to be of Yakima County Parcel No. 230908-41001.

In any event, Fryslan acknowledges that it has not completed its relocation of all calves from the Well Covenant Properties. Several factors have contributed to Fryslan's delay in relocating the calves from the Well Covenant Properties. Specifically, the ranch lost many cows during the harsh blizzards in February 2018, resulting in significantly more composting than anticipated at the planned destination parcel where the calves were to be relocated. Fryslan determined that it could not safely place additional cows at their planned destination. Further declining market conditions in the milk industry have created significant challenges that have limited Fryslan's ability to sell calves in order to minimize herd size. Finally, the COVID-19 pandemic has created significant and unexpected delays due to labor shortages and administrative burdens.

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The delays in calf relocation have similarly delayed the installation of the water-usage meters, which were required to be installed after calf removal per the terms of the Declaration of Well Monitoring Covenant. However, Fryslan would be happy to provide an estimated water usage report for January 2020, based on the number of animals on the Well Covenant Properties during the period of September 2019 (when calf removal was anticipated to begin) and December 2019. Fryslan is actively working to install water meters at the Well Covenant Properties and will report usage to the County in January of 2021.

In the coming days, Fryslan will be submitting an application to the County for an extension to the deadline for compliance with the conditions of CUP 2016-00019. This request for extension will set forth the timeframe in which Fryslan anticipates being able to complete the calf relocation as well as certain other required items in the conditional use permit, which have been delayed by a variety of factors (including COVID-19) outside Fryslan's control.

Fryslan is committed to making every reasonable effort to relocate the remaining cows safely and as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kevin Freeman, Inland Earth Sciences Corporation

cc: Ruurd Veldhuis, Fryslan Ranches, LLC