

To: Adam Barber  
From Stephen R. Beck, 12803 NW McNamee Rd., Portland, Or.  
R: Case T1-04-044

Dear Adam,

I would like to go on record as being against Mrs. English's proposal to subdivide her land at 13100 NW McNamee Rd.. The reasons for this are 1) it would have an very negative environmental impact on the area ( I doubt that the land could support 8 functioning septic systems, or the water table 8 wells) 2) the current zoning and land use plan, MUF, has been in effect for a very long time and it works (and it is something that we all abide by and have bought into a a social contract when we bought - or when we held on to our land and chose not to buy another piece) 3) developing her property in the manner she suggest would lower the property values of surrounding properties 4) developing her property would interfere with wildlife flows and also would increase the potential fire danger to the area.

I like and respect Mrs. English. She has shown me nothing but kindness since I bought my property in 85. What is suggested here represent poor thinking, it is socially and environmentally irresponsible, it is fiscally opportunistic and unrealistic ( as the county does not have this kind of money) so in essence it is sort of a blackmail. It is probably also fair to say that the impact of granting Mrs. English the solution she request would benefit the long term corporate interest of timber companies and developers who have little or no interest in the quality of the land, or environmental or social priorities - such as promoted by the current zoning and urban growth plans. So no to this request to devide her land. And no to her request to be reimbursed.

Respectfully,

  
Stephen R. Beck

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