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Comments:

IT IS VERY DISHEARTENING THAT THE US FOREST SERVICE -- AN AGENCY I HAVE SUPPORTED ALL MY ADULT LIFE WITH MY HARD-EARNED TAX DOLLARS -- IS COMPLETELY IGNORING MY MAY, 2015 COMMENTS REGARDING THE IMMENSE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF GROWLER JETS AND NAVY OPERATIONS ON THE QUALITY OF MY LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT HERE ON THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA.

MR. DEAN MILLETT HAS MADE A FINDING OF "NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT." TO ME, THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS! IT IS EXTREMELY INSULTING! DO I NOT QUALIFY AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENT??? NAVY OPERATIONS ARE HAVING A VERY SIGNIFICANTLY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ME, MY FAMILY AND MY COMMUNITY. IT APPEARS MR. MILLET HAS IGNORED US AND OUR THOUSANDS OF COMMENTS.

SUMMARIZED, HERE IS WHAT I SAID IN MAY OF 2015. NOTHING WHATSOEVER HAS CHANGED -- IT'S ONLY GOTTEN WORSE:

THE WILD AND PRISTINE ENVIRONMENT ON THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA IS WHAT WE LOVE AND ARE TRYING TO PRESERVE. THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF LOUD JETS OVER OUR PARK, FORESTS, AND HOMES IS INTOLERABLE. THE EFFECTS ARE DEVASTATING TO THE QUALITY OF OUR LIVES AND ENVIRONMENT.

I, MY FAMILY, AND OUR NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, ARE DEPRESSED WITH THE CONSTANT REMINDER OF WAR EACH TIME A GROWLER JET FLIES OVER US. THIS HAPPENS DOZENS OF TIMES EACH DAY AND EACH NIGHT. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

I CANNOT ACCOMPLISH THE NURSING PAPERS I MUST WRITE FOR MY LIVELIHOOD BECAUSE MY CONCENTRATION IS BROKEN ALL DAY LONG. THIS IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON MY ECONOMICS!

I CANNOT EXPERIENCE AN UNINTERRUPTED NIGHT OF SLEEP AFTER TENDING ALL DAY TO THE SICK AND INJURED. THE ROAR OF GROWLER JETS, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR ALTITUDE, PREVENTS ME FROM SLEEPING. WHEN I DO SLEEP, I HAVE NIGHTMARES OF WAR. THIS IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON MY HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

WHEN I WALK IN THE OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK OR THE STATE PARKS ON THE PENINSULA, I AM UNABLE TO REJUVENATE DUE TO THE SHATTERING NOISE OF GROWLER JETS AS THEY RIP THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE OVER MY HEAD. I AND MY HUSBAND NO LONGER EVEN GO TO FORT FLAGER ON MARROWSTONE ISLAND, ONE OF OUR FORMERLY FAVORITE DESTINATIONS. THE LAST TIME WE WENT THERE WE FELT WE COULD HAVE BEEN IN AFGHANISTAN.

IF THESE ARE SOME OF THE HORRIFIC IMPACTS ON US PERSONALLY, SURELY THESE IMPACTS ARE BEING FELT BY ALL THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA WILDLIFE. WE CITIZENS HERE ARE ALL TRYING TO PRESERVE THE REMAINING WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT OF PUGET SOUND AND THIS PENINSULA. IT IS PRISTINE, AND THIS IS OUR DUTY. WE ARE UP AGAINST INCREDIBLE ODDS.

NOW, IN ATTEMPTING TO DO OUR DUTY TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE, WE ARE UP AGAINST THE MILITARY -- IN ADDITION TO OTHER POWERFUL CORPORATE INTERESTS -- AND EVEN WORSE, UP AGAINST THE US FOREST SERVICE -- A PUBLIC INSTITUTION WHOSE MISSION IS TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS.

I DEMAND THAT THE US FOREST SERVICE STAND UP TO ITS STATED MISSION OF SERVING THE PEOPLE, AND "GIVING PRECEDENCE TO THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC OVER THOSE OF AN APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT TO USE PUBLIC LANDS!"

WE ARE DONG OUR DUTY. WE DEMAND THAT THE US FOREST SERVICE DO THEIRS.

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