



## We Advocate Thorough Environmental Review

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Sent via email to: [jrowe@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:jrowe@co.siskiyou.ca.us)  
RE: Southern Oregon Ready Mix Project Rezone

Dear Ms. Rowe:

We are the community group We Advocate Thorough Environmental Review, and since 2013 we have been vigilant about proposed projects that might decrement the environment of the Mount Shasta area or lead to health hazards. Several aspects of the Southern Oregon Ready Mix Project rezoning are of serious concern.

- (a) Concrete and asphalt crushing and grinding produce a lot of noise and dust. This would be occurring within 1000 feet of existing residences.
- (b) Rinse water will go into the groundwater, likely leading to pollution, including the sites (less than one mile farther south in the probable direction of groundwater flow) of the DEX-6 production well at Crystal Geyser, Big Springs in Mt. Shasta Park and also a proposed Mt. Shasta City Well.
- (c) The parent company for this project, JF Shea, has run asphalt grinding in this County in the past (near Gazelle) and it involved asphalt heating which produces noxious toxic vapor and led to neighbor complaints.
- (d) The location of the project is in violation of the intent of the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway designation for this portion of I-5. As it is visible from I-5, it will devalue the quality and merits of this byway and be a disincentive for tourists (a major economic base) to visit this area.

Please do not approve the zoning change until these objections can be properly investigated and mitigated.

Sincerely,

Frank Toriello  
President, Board of Directors  
We Advocate Thorough Environmental Review

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