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To: Town Council
Subject: Airbnb Rentals

We are residents of 527 Sky Lane for 25+ years and have enjoyed the privacy and beauty of our home.

Since the influx of Airbnbs on Sky Lane, a total of five, our privacy is being challenged. The owners of Airbnbs are informing their guests that they have river access to the Skykomish River via the easement that borders our property. We now have multiple strangers trespassing on our property as a result.

We have posted a sign stating access to the river is by easement path only, and adjacent property is private. Unfortunately, the sign is disregarded, and people trespass on our property, use our hammocks, outdoor furniture, swings, etc.

It is our understanding that the easement originally was intended for use by permanent residents of Sky Lane, and not for transient renters. We have done some research on the dissolution of the easement rights, which is doable. However, we would appreciate advice and guidance on this matter.

As former Bed & Breakfast owners of ten years, we can speak to the need of guests to not infringe on the rights of neighbors. We expect the same courtesy in return by the Airbnb owners of Sky Lane.

We, and our neighbors of permanent residence, have additional complaints regarding Airbnbs:

- Guests routinely walk their dogs without a leash and do not clean up the dog's waste.
- Guests do not secure their garbage cans. Consequently, we have multiple bears breaking into garbage cans. They then wander through the street, onto driveways and into yards during the daytime, thereby restricting our outdoor activities. This is a safety issue.

We appreciate, and thank you, for your time and consideration in addressing the above issues.

Respectfully yours,



Pat and Lou De Nonno