

CONCERNING  
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The news that a 5000 head year round confined feeding operation near my property is very worrisome to me.

My first concern is WATER. I assume that a large source of water will have to be found on N.W. 33 007 26 W4M. My only source of water for my home and garden and about 35 year round animal units and up to 30 cow calf pairs in the summer months, is a spring (flowing well). This spring has been here longer than anyone can remember. The stream then flows north east for two or three miles providing water to both deeded and crown lease land. If new wells on N.W. 33 interfere with my spring, I will have a greatly reduced flow of water and maybe NONE!

My next concern is the rather casual attitude that the operators of the present feedlot have about fire. While driving by one day, I watched in disbelief as some one loaded debris into a flaming burning barrel during the M.D. of Willow Creek's fire burn!

We are an area of highwind. Everyone in this area watches for fire. We all help. We have seen some bad ones!

I want to know if there will be some one on site 24-7 who has the authority to take action immediately with enough staff and equipment to keep a fire on site. Who should call the local fire department and how soon should they be called?

My third big concern is the matter of cattle escaping from the present feed lot. On one particular occasion frightened cattle ran for miles taking out fences and creating what the neighbors felt was a dangerous situation on highway 810. Mr. Wessels was contacted by phone. We were advised that he was unavailable and that the neighbors should mind their own business. If such escapes ever cause an accident, it will become everyones business really fast! I want to know who will be responsible on site 24 hours a day to watch over 5000 head.

There are other concerns like disposal of deads, contamination, liability etc, etc, etc. All of these issues are no doubt covered by regulations and by laws etc etc, etc.

The question is Will Wessels Farms be willing to comply? and will the governing bodies be willing to make sure they do?

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