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Hello,

My name is Ann Thorsteinsson. I am wiring this email to you on behalf of myself and my mother , Marilyn Thorsteinsson. We have property labeled - 8 of lot 89, plan 22608, Porlier Pass Road, Galiano island. The property was purchased in 1976 and we have a family home on the far point from the road and a small cabin for family visiting closer towards the road. The property is well used, respected and cared for by our family and those who visit us. Having the fortune to be temporary caretakers of this truly unique property we both feel we must voice concern over the re-zoning of the Crystal Mountain Society.

It was our understanding upon the sale of the Lot above us that is in question that is was sold as a " forest lot " and would thereby be respected and held to the regulations governing other forest lots on landscape and trees were to be respected. We have relied upon the beautiful stream water that passes through lot 89 and runs from the mountainside through a large culvert and out into spotlight cove's bay. This water has offered us delicious drinking water over many years. A substantial amount of water flows along this route and has created a unique ecosystem as it blends with the sea water. Birds , sea life and shellfish are diverse in this area. A change to this run off mountain stream would be have negative impact to this delicate balance. Permitting a further increase of people and structures on lot 89 would certainly have affect on this natural balance of land and nature.

Water from the mountain also runs through our property and around the apple orchard feeding into the roots of the trees and our vegetable garden. Our property is a collecting point for much of this run off.

I have also noticed people coming down from Crystal Mountain and scaling the hillside to reach Spotlightcove . A couple of summers ago I talked to a woman as she proceeded to lop off tree limbs and broom to clear a path to have better access to the hillside above the bay. She fashioned a rope to a tree and used it as a way to scale down to th beach area to have a quiet meditation space. Please note that this included candles that I later found left under the tree canopy. After I spoke to her she left and then returned th next day to carry on lopping and pruning. I have also met with people on our property simply walking and trying to have access to the beach area of spotlight cove. I can only imagine that this will increase if more retreat participants are permitted to stay in the proposed dwellings.

We do not understand application can possible go through ? If everyone else owning a forest lot on Galiano has to abide by a certain set of governing rules why would this not apply to lot 89 ? How can we permit the building of 30 additional structures and the subsequential debris, run off and sewage created by the participants that would follow ? I hope we all take a stand as temporary caretakers to this beautiful island of Galiano and say no to the further development of lot 89 so that the delicate relationship of land ,air and water can be respected and continue to flourish healthily for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and thought in reviewing this letter. If my father was still alive he would most certainly voice a strong opinion along side us. The spotlight cove property and its natural diversity of plant and animal life meant a great deal to him. Sincerely,

Ann Thorsteinsson
Marilyn Thorsteinsson

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