



comment on Excleron project affecting the Huasna Valley

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Cc: "Robert Fuller Davis"

Dear John McKenzie,

I am a cyclist from San Luis Obispo. I ride out to the end of the road in the Huasna Valley about once a month. This is one of the more popular cycling roads in the county. The Huasna area is a beautiful cycling area due to the very rural and wild surroundings and the small winding road with almost no traffic. The residents are kindly tolerant of the cyclists, and usually quite cautious on passing. A project that places trucks on this road is uncalled for. The road is narrow and winding, and even with the current very light traffic, it is broken and has sinkholes in many spots. This was not an expensive road meant to carry heavy trucks. Truck traffic on the many blind curves endangers both the residents and the many, many cyclists that use the road.

Take a ride out there. Being passed by a large truck on a narrow road is scary. Cyclists have been killed by sideswiping trucks across the USA. You may have heard of rear wheel creep – when truck turn, their rear wheels always make a smaller radius turn than the front. The back wheels can run over people due to this phenomenon.

Additionally, the air pollution from an oil operation in this area is unacceptable. I also routinely ride on Price Canyon Road, which has an oil operation. The 24 hour stench from the wells cannot be missed. This smell is evident for miles under various atmospheric conditions.

Please preserve this area.

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