

Teton County P & Z
89 North Main Street
Driggs, Idaho 83422

October 7, 2008

RE: VARD Comments on Mahogany Ridge Wastewater System Water Balance and Process Flow Report

Dear Commissioners:

We have hired Millennium Science & Engineering, Inc. out of Boise to review the water and sewer plans for the proposed Mahogany Ridge PUD. Please find attached the initial comments that we have received from the engineers at Millennium.

We hope that you will take into consideration the concerns raised by these comments. Of particular note is the fact that cold weather performance of the proposed wastewater system has not been adequately addressed. Teton County, ID boasts a rather severe winter season. As a community we cannot afford to move forward without greater assurances that 1,381 housing units will have a sewage system that can function year-round in our climate.

In addition, the necessity of an experienced and well-trained maintenance staff for the proposed sewage system cannot be overstated. The proposed system is far more complex and requires far more oversight than can be left to routine HOA management. This is a professional-grade system that demands professional operation on a permanent basis. It is imperative that the developer explain at this stage how that operator will be identified and what the perpetual funding source for that professional staff will be.

We thank you for your time in reviewing our comments.

Sincerely,

Sandy Mason
VARD Executive Director