

WASHINGTON LOOP DIRT MINE PETITION

Several dirt mining companies, at this moment, are in various stages of obtaining mining permits to operate dirt mines in the Washington Loop area of Charlotte County. These mines are incompatible with an already established rural residential area and will add traffic exceeding 750 dump trucks per day. The mines will destroy one of the county's most pristine areas, destroy the habitat of several of Florida's most endangered species, and may endanger Charlotte County and the City of Punta Gorda's water supply.

I am a resident of Charlotte County. I urge the County Commissioners and all permitting parties to deny the dirt mine permits to operate in the Washington Loop area. We also ask that you identify Washington Loop as a mine free zone on the overlay districts map being created for addition to the Charlotte County Excavation and Earthmoving Ordinance.

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