

Gypsum to Gypsum

To whom it may concern,

My name is Christopher W. Stapleton and I represent Gypsum to Gypsum (GTG). We are the business who is currently operating on this site under a lease with Silver Bay Logging inc.

Gypsum to Gypsum is a drywall recycling company who accepts new construction or pre construction drywall scrap material and turns into a valuable product that is resold back into manufacturing or sold as an agricultural soil enhancement that helps commercial farmers all over the state of Washington grow effective, healthy crops each year. Since 2019, GTG has diverted roughly 185,000 tons of drywall material out of the landfills all across the state. That is equivalent to 5 Lumen Field Stadiums filled to the brim worth of drywall.

This comment is to show Ecology, the residents, and interested agencies of South Park that this properties current use is part of the State, county, and city waste diversion, sustainability, and climate change goals. Our material is clean material used to help remediate soils and we can show that since our taking over of the site our Storm Water has continued to test very clean. There is a common misconception that gypsum that comes from drywall is waste or is toxic in some form but in fact it is the exact opposite.

Recycled Gypsum also is sold back into making new drywall each as well. Assisting us by reducing our global impact on mining each year. Currently we are the sole supplier of recycled gypsum in the area to the manufacturing market.

GTG's also currently employe'e's over 25 employe'e's and has plans to hire another 10 employe'e's over the next year. We have continued to stay busy throughout the pandemic and moving into slowing economic times we have secured more work for the next 5 years to keep busy. We encourage any local South Parkians to apply!

GTG would like to request that we must be removed from the the list that I believe GTG was mistakenly put on that says we may have contributed to hazardous issues on this site. That is just not factual and must be a mistake by Ecology.

GTG would also like to recommend the opportunity for Seattle Public Utilities (SUP) and GTG to work collaboratively after the testing and initial remediation work is determined to find a way for our infrastructure and yours to co-exist on the same property. After review, it seems SUP would only need to use roughly one (1) acre of land and GTG's use could be done on the remaining portion of the land / building area. I think the initiative not only to clean up but continue to keep infrastructure in place in the state of Washington that keeps our landfills free of drywall waste is a win win scenario for Washingtonians.