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Hi Ben,

We talked several weeks ago about the upcoming zoning code adoption with regards to PD setbacks- thank you for your time. I'm requesting that the county consider changing the buildable lot setbacks of PD's from the current 50' to the underlying zone district setback. The existing 50' setback doesn't appear to serve a purpose, especially if a given PD adjoins resource land such as Forest Service or BLM owned property.

My motivation for this request is that we own parcels of the Flying Goat PD (910035) which abut Forest Service land. Our house was built around 1911 and we'd like to build a garage for it. The 50' setback takes away the flexibility we need to locate it in the least obtrusive and most practical spot.

I realize that to change lot lines is a separate process and that (in addition to the county) we'd need to have the landowner association of the PD and the Methow Conservancy (to whom we have given a conservation easement) approve of the changes. We've talked it over informally with each of them and don't see getting an approval to be a problem.

I'd appreciate being kept in the loop as the proposed revised zoning code is being developed and would be interested to hear any concerns or objections that changing PD setbacks would create.

Thanks again,



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