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To: Planning
Subject: Public Comments on Planning Draft

I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed land use regulations as regards to marijuana.

I have been a commercial tree fruit farmer owning land in Okanogan county for over 28 years and want to see the definition of Marijuana retained as an agricultural crop. I'd also like to see the Amortization Period eliminated for existing permitted, unpermitted, or legal pre-existing marijuana operations. Those owners have made substantial investments in their operations and should not be forced out of operating in this county.

The marijuana industry provides hundreds of jobs for local people and spend hundreds of thousands of dollars which go into the local economy at a time when other industries are scaling back. Don't be short sighted as to the positive economic impact that this industry adds to the county along with the revenue sharing that benefits the county's coffers.

Sincerely,
Dean Taplett