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Dear Okanogan County Commissioners,

I wish to register my belief that the implementation of the current version of the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan and Interim Zoning Ordinance will, in fact, have a probable and significant adverse impact upon the environment in Okanogan County and, in particular, in the Methow Valley where I maintain my principle residence.

I generally support the position taken by the Methow Valley Citizen's Council in this matter, including the following substantive points:

1. The Comprehensive Plan should clearly specify what measures will be taken to ensure adequate water supply for the density it envisions.
2. The Plan should enumerate specific protections for groundwater resources. Uses incompatible with groundwater protection should be eliminated from the District Use chart.
3. It is a step in the right direction that the county has kept the existing zoning for the Upper and Middle Methow Valley intact for now. The Methow CPA's should be included as part of this Comprehensive Plan and should be legally defensible, up to date, and consistent with the vision of the Methow Review District zoning.
4. The Plan should provide a concrete schedule for creation of a "More Completely Planned Area (CPA)" for the Lower Methow Valley (south of Gold Creek).
5. Contradictory elements of the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and supporting documents need reconciliation, and definitions provided, before adoption of these plans.
6. The past, present and future role of individual citizens, advisory groups and communities in shaping the Comprehensive Plan should be recognized and respected by County officials.

Best Regards,

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