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**From:** Ed Stockard [<mailto:ed@methownet.com>]  
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The implementation of this Comprehensive Plan will have a probable and significant adverse impact upon the environment.

-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.

**Rationale:**

The 7-year history of this Comprehensive Plan Update shows increasing limitations on citizen involvement in each successive Draft. In previous drafts, the Comp Plan contained provisions for citizens, towns, and cities to request amendment of the Plan on an annual basis. Comp Plan review was also scheduled for every 5 years. These provisions have been eliminated. Likewise, community input in 2008 by eleven different county-facilitated Neighborhood Groups was included in the first draft, then relegated to the appendix, then merely mentioned by a list of geographic group names, and finally have been eliminated altogether. The removal of community input and growth management provisions from the current Draft Comprehensive Plan was largely carried out by special interest groups, who seem to have more influence over the current county government than you do. Involvement of citizens, towns, and cities in land use decisions in our county are crucial to effective planning.

Contradictory elements of the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and supporting documents need reconciliation, and definitions provided, before adoption of these plans.

**Rationale:**

The Current draft of the Comp Plan and Zoning cannot be analyzed nor implemented as written, due to ambiguities, contradictions, and inaccuracies that require clarification. Is agriculture really going to be abolished in the Rural 1 (one acre) Zone, which includes most of the Lower Methow Valley? Ambiguities on maps which could support undesirable changes in the Methow Review District from 20 to 5- acre zoning need clarification. Densities of Rural designations(1, 5, or 20-acre) are determined by their distances from county "arterials," but the county has no arterials (only major and minor "collectors"), and there are no descriptions of how distances are measured nor any necessary definitions in the Comprehensive Plan. Substantial portions of the 1-acre (R-1) zoning are along dirt or gravel roads, leading to public lands or hayfields, and far from any major paved road or services.

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