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Dear folks at the planning department,

As 30 year residents of the Methow, my wife and I realize the importance and responsibility your department has in shaping the future of this beautiful valley. We understand that stopping growth completely is not a viable option, and that developing parameters for a sustainable future for our residents and our valley is of utmost importance. Please consider the following points in your scoping process for the EIS.

- Consider water availability and quality regarding any new land use planning. Also consider the protection of aquifer recharge areas.
- Consider wildfire risks in the wild land urban interface areas taking into account escape routes and lowest rate of spread towards homes.
- Consider impacts on migratory deer and fish species.
- Analyze support for government planning to reduce health risks due to contamination of drinking water from multiple septic systems in one area.
- Consider the aesthetically negative effects of ridge-top building and outdoor lighting.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these points to keep our valley the pristine and beautiful place that it is. Let's not make the same mistakes that are plaguing other communities around our country. With responsible planning and development we can be a model for others to emulate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ric and Linda Iribarren