

Rocky Robbins

From: David LaFever <dhlafever@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 9:53 PM
To: Rocky Robbins
Subject: Scoping comment on Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan

Dear Ms. Robbins,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the revisions to the 2014 Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan and the zoning regulations. Below you will find 12 comments for your consideration and inclusion. Perhaps most importantly, I encourage you to include the Methow Valley Citizen Council's Alternative 4 in your analysis as part of the EIS. I believe that this alternative 4 will result in fewer significant environmental impacts.

- 1) In evaluating environmental impacts, please consider the likely effects of climate change in Okanogan County.
- 2) Please consider accommodations for part-time residents and short-term visitors in planning for expected growth.
- 3) The EIS should analyze both the comprehensive plan and zoning updates.
- 4) The EIS should analyze the impacts of the comprehensive plan and zoning code alternatives on emergency services.
- 5) The EIS should analyze the impacts of the comprehensive plan and zoning code update on senior water rights holders, ground water resources, stream flows (including instream flow rules), and lake levels.
- 6) The EIS should analyze the impacts of the comprehensive plan and zoning code alternatives on farmland.
- 7) The EIS should analyze the impacts of the comprehensive plan and zoning code alternatives on plants and animals and their habitats.
- 8) The EIS should analyze the impacts of the comprehensive plan and zoning alternatives on critical areas such as landslide hazards, aquifer recharge areas, and flood plains.
- 9) The EIS should analyze the impacts of comprehensive plan and zoning alternatives on air quality.
- 10) The EIS should analyze impacts on scenic resources, aesthetics, and light and glare, particularly in the Methow Valley.
- 11) The EIS should analyze both the physical and aesthetic impacts of new roads to service growth.
- 12) Include the Methow Valley Citizen Council's "Alternative 4" in your analysis and EIS.

Sincerely,

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