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Please see the attached comments. Thank you.

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Ms. Rocky Robbins, Planner I
Mr. Perry Huston, Director of Planning Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development
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Dear Ms. Robbins and Mr. Huston:

I am writing to comment on the Comprehensive Plan scoping process for the EIS.

As you know, the purpose of an EIS is to inform decisions, in this case the alternatives for the Comprehensive Plan (CP) which will guide Okanogan County for many years. Unfortunately, none of the alternatives in the draft are adequate to plan for growth in terms of water quantity and quality, air quality, density, recreational opportunities, fire safety, and a host of other quality of life factors. Therefore, I ask that you evaluate and compare another alternative in the EIS than the three proposed in the scoping notice and draft CP. Alternative Four as put forward by the Methow Valley Citizens Council seems to me to be a thoughtful and more complete alternative than the ones proposed by the County, and I ask that you carefully evaluate it in the EIS.

If the EIS is to be useful to the public and Commissioners in choosing alternatives, then the EIS itself must be a complete and thorough document. Given the overwhelming demands on the Planning Department, it seems to be too much to ask that the EIS be prepared in-house, and I implore the BOCC to find the funds to contract out the EIS to a qualified individual or firm.

In regard to Scoping for the EIS, I endorse the comments from the MVCC and ask that those factors be evaluated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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cc: Andy Hover, Okanogan County Commissioner