

Rocky Robbins

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To: Rocky Robbins
Subject: Impact Areas for Analysis of Comp Plan Alternatives

Ms. Robbins:

In my recent letter to you and Mr. Huston, I addressed support and added elements that I would like to see in the Alternative 4 proposed by the Methow Valley Citizen's Council for evaluation in the EIS for the County's updating of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Codes. Subsequently, I realized that I should spell out my priorities for areas of potential impact that I believe should be addressed in the EIS for the updated Comprehensive Plan and for Zoning Codes.

While I agree that the areas proposed by the Planning Office for analysis — groundwater quality and quantity, transportation infrastructure, and critical areas — are important, I believe that thoroughly evaluating all four alternatives in light of our collective existence as part of a fire-prone ecosystem is equally important.

Components of living with and adapting to frequent and increasingly devastating wildfire that should be analyzed include:

- Sensible densities of development in "wildland urban interface" zones
- Access and egress options that are realistically workable in case of emergency
- Water availability for firefighting
- Enforceable Firewise building codes
- Enforceable Firewise property maintenance requirements
- Public "shelter-in-place" options when evacuation routes are blocked.

Thank you for considering inclusion of these impact areas in the upcoming EIS.

Sincerely,

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