

Rocky Robbins

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To: Rocky Robbins
Subject: Public comments for Comprehensive Plan

To all concerned,

Thank you for this opportunity to offer scoping comments for the County Comprehensive Plan.

The EIS should include a thorough study of, and an in-depth discussion of the following submitted comments.

1. Development: Zoning, Codes, Shorelines, Flood plain and Critical Areas must be considered in each category of interest and concern in the Comp Plan.

Zoning regulations must be re-evaluated based on water allocation rulings and supply available. The Comp Plan must fully recognize and study the balance of limited resources and over development. Living in an arid environment we are becoming more aware of our limited water resources with each study. With dwindling snow pack, drought, increasing seasonal temperatures and associated wildfire probability these must figure into the impacts of growth.

Part time residents and homes must be included as County population numbers and these homes must figure into density.

Development requires services, such as electrical, roads, emergency-medical, police and fire, etc. The requirements and burdens on service infrastructure need to be identified and solutions must be discussed.

Development and growth will require new road construction leading to erosion/sedimentation, weeds and aesthetic degradation. The impacts of this required new network of roads will have significant impacts and must be fully analyzed and considered.

Development impacts to wildlife and native plant communities must be evaluated. Housing, roads, noise and light pollution, shrinking habitat like the loss of shrub steppe lands, interrupted migration and access corridors for seasonal movement....these all must be taken into account in growth management considerations.

Development leads to greater light pollution and the Comp Plan needs to implement a dark skies policy.

2. Preservation of Green Space/Open Space: The economics and well being of our Okanogan communities is tied to the beauty and undeveloped qualities of our undisturbed lands. Clean Water and Clean Air are invaluable. The Comp plan must consider the impacts of industry, livestock, septic, development, etc on these precious attributes.

3. Access roads: Okanogan County Commissioners have supported the closure of numerous existing rural access roads that have an established public use and wildfire egress. These roads are a benefit to the greater public good and should remain open and maintained for public use.

4. Critical Areas Analysis: Okanogan County is way over due on completion of the Critical Areas study. This evaluation must be updated and be included as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Maeyowa
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