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Hello, I am writing to express my views on the EIS plan for revisions to the Okanogan county Comp. Plan. As a long time, permanent resident of the Methow Valley, I care about what happens here. We must plan for the future. Growth will happen and we must be thoughtful in what we do. We must heed our changing world and not rely just on historical facts and figures, because things are changing. Water is precious, and there is not much of it, having rural areas and agriculture is important to our valley, we need to maintain historic water rights, and good air quality for the future. We must look at tourism and part time residences and their impacts. We need to protect our forests and public lands, our access to these areas and the animal and diverse habitats they include.

We need to refrain from ridge top building and need to get a handle on lighting. Nighttime light pollution is already a problem and mitigation measures must be implemented to keep our skies dark, and rural areas rural. I support Alternative 4, submitted by the MVCC.

Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on this important topic.
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