

**Cortney Ingle**

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**From:** Phyllis Daniels <phyllisdaniels@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:01 PM  
**To:** Cortney Ingle  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Plan

Dear Ms. Ingle,

The comprehensive plan that I was asked to review and comment upon seems to me to be, at best, a draft.

There are so many things missing from this draft and I feel it must be completely re-written by a professional in order to do justice to the people that reside in Okanogan county.

Please pass my comments on to the Planning Commissioners.

Some of the topics I find missing in this draft that must be addressed are as follows:

**DEVELOPMENT**

For instance; concentrating new development ( residential, business, industry, etc) close to population centers rather than spreading it around in the county

Concentrating development in areas where water is at risk of pollution or water rights that are archaic and no longer viable, given that they do not address the issue of water scarcity that climate change may cause in the future, must have environmental impact studies Before they are approved.

I think zoning should be looked at carefully throughout the county.

**FIRE ISSUES:**

I think that the Comp Plan should directly express support for Firewise principles in the county.

The Comprehensive Plan should support planning to deal with woodsmoke during fires and fire management, and the cumulative impacts upon people.

The Comp Plan should support ;

Open spaces, wildlife, clean air, freedom of movement, water quality/quantity, affordable housing, rural atmosphere, location of affordable worker housing close to place of employment, and economic issues, should all be part of the scope.

**WATER QUANTITY** is TOP priority for me, I want to see protection of water as it becomes a more and more scarce and sacred resource that is in danger of disappearing with climate change and therefore all decisions should keep in mind the future impacts they will have on the next generations.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**..In general, I want to see a professional economic analysis and comparison of the Alternatives in the Environmental Impact Statement before decisions are made!

As I said this document does not come close to giving enough understandable information to support good decisions about the future and environmental impacts.

Therefore, I would like to see a document that is more understandable and professionally done, this document is not in any way adequate as it is.

And a special note;

It is important to include transportation issues in the Comp Plan. It is imperative to retain fire escapes routes that are already county roads in the public domain. Roads that have traditionally provided access and routes need to continue to be left public. Therefore, the Comp Plan needs to include language specifying retention of county roads within the county road system.

Thank you,  
Phyllis Daniels