

Cortney Ingle

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Subject: Comp plan comments

Planning commissioner members,

The proposed comprehensive plan does not adequately protect people and property from wildfires, does not address the need for sub-area planning, does not have provisions to protect senior water rights, does not protect working farms or promote more small farming, and has little to no economic development. It also does not address a plan for improved county road system if there were a need for more capacity.

It also fails to meet the basic standards required by law and fails to clearly differentiate the alternatives. It lacks meaningful analysis of the proposed fourth alternative.

Alternatives 3 and 4, though incomplete in the DEIS, are the most viable because they concentrate growth closer to towns, conserve natural resources, promote local ag (!), protect wildlife, improve and enhance recreational opportunities. They also take a more conservative approach to addressing water supplies.

I specifically recommend the county hire a qualified professional to assist in drafting the final EIS. This task is too large to have the new planning director take care of it in a reasonable time frame.

Lastly, I support sub-area planning guided by a local committee. And I recommend that committee recognize the culture and geography of our enormous county. I support including the Methow watershed in the MVMCPA (methow valley more completely planned area).

Sincerely,
Camden Shaw