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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 6:48 PM
To: Cortney Ingle
Cc: Andy Hover
Subject: Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan Draft Comments

Dear Okanogan County Planning Commission,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide comments on the Okanogan comprehensive plan as the county develops the road map to the further. As a full time resident of of Mazama the issues addressed in the comprehensive plan are of great concern to me.

Citizen input to the plan has been provided by a number of Okanogan regional groups and it would be important to include these comment. A well developed comprehensive plan is a significant undertaking and from my perspective it would seem to be a good use of county funds to acquire a professional with expertise in comprehensive planning to assist in the effort. At a minimum, the comprehensive plan should be consistent with all current laws and regulation on land and water use. The plan should be flexible enough to address the unique regional requirement of the large diversity of the county.

I am particularly interested in the guidance provided by the Comprehensive Plan for land use, water supply, recreation and wild fires.

Water use for domestic, industry and agriculture and in-stream flow are tied to land development and recreation. I am looking for a plan that addresses these concerns and follows the current DOE requirement.

A requirement of a county permit for clearing and grading to assist in planning land development in the county

A comprehensive plan to encourage all new construction be consistent with common fire wise principals.

Air quality in the upper Methow Valley is a concern and to that end I would like to see all new woods stove be required to be EPA certified and wood fireplaces for new construction.

I fully support dark skies in the upper Methow Vally and would like to see a provision in the comprehensive plan addressing dark skies requirement where appropriate in the county.

Thank You for your consideration,
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