

Cortney Ingle

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To: Cortney Ingle
Subject: Comments on Comprehensive Plan

To All Parties Concerned,

I am writing to share my comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan for Okanogan Co and to advocate on behalf of the vision statement and work developed by the residents of the Lower Methow Valley.

Through my work as a physician working in multiple locations throughout Okanogan Co, it is evident that distinct needs exist in each community regarding development.

As a resident of Methow our vision statement previously submitted identifies the aim of preservation the natural beauty, flora and fauna, environmental protection and rural way of life. The ecology and landscape of the lower Methow Valley varies from that of other distinct areas of the county. I propose that community advocacy groups be convened to help identify the local needs and variations in planning that best serve future development and environmental protection.

Professional input regarding the planning should be sought by those with a record of success and I offer the Chelan Co Comprehensive Plan as a template which encompasses features similar to our county with agricultural, recreation, and density regarding growing populations.

Raising my family here and working on behalf of the health of the Okanogan community I believe that we have a chance to effect the upstream factors which in turn determine the health of today's generation of Okanogan Co and the next. Environmental protection and access, community connection, economic opportunity, and a focus on sustainability will aid a healthy future for Okanogan Co and its distinct communities.

Thank you for the consideration of my comments,

Brendan Smith

Sent from my Verizon LG Smartphone

