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To the Okanogan County Planning Commission
I am writing in regards to the former planning director's draft Comprehensive Plan and my concern for the lack of specific guidelines that truly address the challenges that face this county. I see a real opportunity for the Planning Commission to send this plan back to the drawing board of a professional land use planner. We need a clear guiding document that is worthy of this great county - something like Chelan County's document.

We are living in times of unpredictable weather and extremes, as we have seen in the magnitude of recent wild fires. We need a plan to conserve water and protect our precious watersheds. We need to direct most growth closer to towns. We need to conserve and support local agriculture at different scales. We need to be prepared for fires and droughts.

Thank you for your service to the people, land, water, air, soil, plants and animals of Okanogan County. Please recreate the Comprehensive Plan.