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To the Planning Commission:

Thank you for extending the commentary period.

I have lived in the Methow for about 25 years, and have seen it change quite a bit, it seems more and more crucial that the comprehensive plan, is truly comprehensive. An effective plan will conserve valuable limited resources, especially tax dollars, better spent on something other than litigation.

I would like to see

- Making wildfire minimization, safety, and resilience a priority
- More thoughtful rural zoning to minimize conflicts already happening in “neighborhoods” where industry or light agriculture is perceived as negatively affecting rural families living nearby.
- A realistic and thorough approach to conserving water supplies, including protections for agricultural water usage.
- An overall vision for economic development in Okanogan County, including recreation, agriculture, and light industry.
- Protections for wildlife corridors and habitat- an issue closely linked to economic development.
- It is said that humans make plans and God laughs, but still, given the complexity of the County, and the importance of the Plan, I believe it is necessary to hire a professional planner with like experience, who will be able to fully devote their time to this project.

Thank you again for the comment period.

Sincerely,

Sharon Cohen

