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## Cortney Ingle

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**To:** Cortney Ingle  
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**Subject:** Comments on the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan and DEIS

Cortney,

I am grateful for the support of the Okanogan County Commissioners and the hard working Planning Commission who are taking on the Comprehensive Plan. I recognize the relative complexity of the issue and the immense challenge and opportunity before us. In order to be better informed, I've had conversations with Commissioners Hover and Branch and also attended a neighborhood information meeting to learn more.

First, let me say that I am 100% supportive of Alternative 4 as the best start for rebuilding a plan that was originally written the same year I was born! As the planning commission continues their work, there are several areas that merit attention, including:

- Developing a DEIS that includes quantifiable differences that can be used when comparing alternatives
- Writing the document to articulate goals and the policies that will advance those goals – the current plan is lacking these details and does not have a clear vision or rules for land use, instream flow, air quality, wildfire, dark skies and ridgeline development
- Using clear and specific language that is not open to interpretation – the current plan is too vague and may be impossible to interpret
- Creating a planning tool – the document should serve as a roadmap
- Include economic planning and addressing recreation and the preservation of open space – this is a vital requirement that has not been addressed

Additionally, it would be wise to postpone any zoning changes that may further put residents and businesses at risk at such time when a new comprehensive plan is approved. Plan first, then address zoning. Thanks again!

Best,

Don

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