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Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 5:10 PM
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Subject: Okanogan County Comp Plan and DEIS

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Dear Okanogan Country Regional Planning Commission:

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the drafting of the final comp plan for our county. I am a 15 year resident of the Methow Valley that relocated here expressly for the great recreational opportunities that this valley offers.

I hope that the county will consider hiring a qualified professional experienced in the creation of a coherent comp plan that is easy to administer. County citizens as well as those that administer the comp plan need a clear and professionally created plan that is easy to follow and also easy to locate the applicable sections addressing their needs or concerns. The final document needs specific sections that address issues that are fundamental to our combination of agriculture and recreation in the county. Sections including titles such as water, land use, wildfire, transportation, a clearing and grading ordinance, agriculture, forestry and recreation should be included. All of these items need to be integrated with our county road system.

As water quantity and quality are such important considerations in each of these sections, I hope the drafters consider that the current draft is inconsistent with the instream flow rules for watersheds in both county and state law. With recreation being such an important driver of our economy, the effects to the water system by any of these proposed sections must be adequately addressed and integrated in the final comp plan.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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