

Cortney Ingle

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Dear Planning Commission,

I am concerned that many issues are not addressed fully in the comprehensive plan for the Methow valley. I would like to mention a few of them here.

For one, I would like to see the valley retain rural character and open space. I'm afraid this valley will become another Chelan or Leavenworth or Bend, Or. It is important the plan direct growth by utilizing more specific zoning than just a rural designation. Another issue that is not addressed fully is water resources. Water rights will become even more of an issue here in the near future. Protecting instream flow as well as senior water rights go hand in hand in directing said growth. Finally, recreation should be included as a land use element, as well. As you well know this valley as well as the county rely heavily on the tourist industry. Identifying and protecting open land use corridors, designated scenic areas, and cultural areas would ensure tourism for the future.

This all boils down to directing and controlling growth. Letting the whims of the open market do that for us is just plain insanity.

I encourage you all to take a hard look at the MVCC's proposal for a 4th Alternative which I fully support.

Sincerely,

Danielle Grundy