

Cortney Ingle

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To: Cortney Ingle
Subject: DEIS comments

Dear Ms. Ingle and planning commission,

Thank you for extending the comment period for the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Please see below my comments about the issues that are of great concern:

Water: The plan needs to recognize that excessive growth and use of groundwater will have a negative effect on instream flows which are going to become dangerously low without proper planning and constraints.

Air Quality: The plan needs to include constraints on the use of wood stoves and open burning in order to sustain air quality in the county at healthy levels.

Cannabis: The county has been extremely negligent in allowing cannabis farms to be built adjacent to residential homes. It has inflicted loss of property value to residential owners and unpleasant living conditions. The plan should require all cannabis operations (existing and future) to be located at least 2 miles from residential homes.

Wildfire: The comp plan should require that future homes make use of non-flammable materials in order to decrease the risk of spreading wildfire.

Wildlife Protection: The plan needs to support and coordinate with efforts to restore and recover Threatened and Endangered fish and wildlife populations.

Many thanks to the volunteers serving on the Planning Commission. May the county's updated Comp Plan insure that future generations will be able to live in a county filled with as much beauty and wildlife as it is today.

Sincerely,

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