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Subject: Okanogan County Comp Plan Comments

Dear Okanogan County Regional Planning Commission,

Thank you for extending the comment period for the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement. As a resident of the Methow Valley, I believe it is very important to have a coherent, well-written plan that lays the framework for governing the County. And although the Comp Plan revision is greatly overdue, I believe it is important to not rush through with a deficient and poorly written document. To that end, **I strongly recommend that the County hire an experienced professional to redraft the plan in order to meet all of the basic components required by law.**

Some specific issues that are important to me are:

- Given the diversity of the County, the plan should include sub-areas and address issues specific to those areas.
- Identify critical fish and wildlife areas and include a plan for protecting those areas from adverse environmental impacts.
- Adopt an ordinance that requires Dark Sky compliance throughout the County.
- Improve current zoning and permitting ordinances, especially with regard to the realistic and legal availability of water, and explain how those ordinances will be enforced.
- Reduce the risk of property loss due to wildfire in new subdivisions, buildings, and roads by adopting the concepts included in the International Wildland Urban Interface Code.
- Carefully consider all of the comments provided by the public, including those submitted in previous years.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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