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Subject: Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan

Dear Planning Commissioners:

Thank you for extending the comment period for the Okanogan County Comprehensive Plan.

As a property owner in the Methow Valley since 1998, I would like to comment on this plan. I understand that this guide will direct the future land use, waterways, and air quality concerns in the Methow Valley. The current released draft does not adequately cover the issues important to the Methow Valley community and the different subareas. In my opinion, hiring a "plan specialist or consultant" is needed to write a clear, defensible plan reflecting the community's vision for the future, utilizing citizens' input. This detailed plan would also be fiscally responsible, as litigation costs for the county would be reduced.

The following areas need to be addressed: Wildfire Protection, Water Quantity and Water Rights following in-stream flow rules, Clearing and Grading, Critical Areas Ordinance, Fish & Wildlife, Recreation, Air Quality, Ridgetop Development, Dark Skies Ordinance, Protection for Agriculture and Forests, and Economic Development. These issues are important to protect the natural beauty and resources of our rural area.

I appreciate your volunteer efforts to listen to our community.

Sincerely,

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