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To: Rocky Robbins
Subject: input re: important issues to consider in Comprehensive Plan

To the Okanogan County Planning Commission,
I would like to submit a list of some of the "things I hold dear" about Okanogan County, as Gina McCoy suggested in her letter to the editor in the Methow Valley News December 5, 2018.

Certainly, all the things mentioned in her letter:

1. the importance of maintaining adequate groundwater to replenish our rivers and streams - especially the intermittent streams that can stay around longer when groundwater is shallower
2. transportation infrastructure - which to me includes consideration of the effects of erosion on our fragile hillslopes, invasion of noxious weeds along roadsides and with each new road we create, and desire to minimize impervious surfaces to maximize penetration of precipitation and minimize runoff
3. critical areas - SO important - for protection of all other areas and for their own natural beauty and space
4. surface water quality and quantity - this already has plenty of press but increasing BMPs to reduce access by cattle to rivers and runoff from managed lands into streams would be high on my list
5. noise pollution - the importance of quiet and peace for humans and animals. Consideration of the noise pollution created by too many cars, too many overflights
6. LIGHT POLLUTION - BIG BIG DEAL TO ME!!!! Any ways to minimize nocturnal lighting - even regulations that limit the light emissions, especially directly out and up from the source, by public and private buildings and facilities (including sports facilities), and street lighting.

Thank you very much.
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