

**Kate Koch - Public comment to GMCC**

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Please consider this e-mail as public comment to the GMCC and post it as such. Also, please add my e-mail address to the list of interested parties for information concerning the GMCC and items that the GMCC considers.

I am very concerned with the population projections that are being discussed. I strongly urge the GMCC to adopt the low population projection of 219,000. The population projections and the employment figures for the Columbia Valley are particularly disturbing. These projections are totally incorrect and should be reduced considerably. It would be prudent for you to actually visit the site rather than just project percentages that are totally inconsistent with what is there and what has gone on in the past 20 years. Please refer to the January 29, 2009, attachment: Alternative Allocation Tables which is an attachment to the January 30, 2009, memo from Grueter Senior Planner at ICF Jones and Stokes addressed to Mr. Stalheim regarding alternatives- suitability analysis approach, Exhibit 4 and Exhibit 5 (population projections) and Exhibit 9 and Exhibit 10 (job growth allocations). The population projection to 2031 should be 5,000. The projection of a more than 20 fold increase in jobs is not only astounding but it is not useful.

Also, regarding the EIS for the County UGA's. If a full EIS is going to be done for all of the County UGAs, then a full EIS should have been done for the Columbia Valley. The full EIS being proposed includes analysis of the following items which were not addressed in the EIS done for the Columbia Valley:

earth, air quality, water resources, plants and animals, land and shoreline use, plans and policies, population and employment and cultural resources.

Thank you, Jan Eskola  
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