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Whatcom County Planning Commission:

I wish to go on record as opposing the current UGA proposal. To begin with, the growth projections are anomalously low. It appears that the well documented housing downturn in the US has been used to provide a 'low-ball' estimate of county growth. With said estimate in hand, the UGA's are being redrawn to downsize significant areas immediately adjacent to every town in Whatcom County. Given that Royce Buckingham, in testimony in front of the Planning Commission on September 10, indicated that 'non-conforming use' properties could be acted upon using the police power of the county, this sets the County up for the very 'Land Grab' that those yellow signs throughout the County indicate.

I have a very short tenure in Whatcom County, and I can assure you that the actions I am seeing here are turning this lifelong Sierra Club member into an ardent Property Rights supporter.

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