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Re: Columbia Valley UGA

September 17, 2009

Dear Whatcom County Planning Commission and County Council,

I am a five year resident of Glacier. I am familiar with the Kendall/Columbia Valley area and want to express some concerns for that area.

It seems to me that many people already live in the area, which appears to be somewhat of a ghetto. The Foothills Gazette police report regularly attests to various crimes occurring in the area.

It seems to me that the area could be enhanced with increased businesses and services to provide employment for some of these folks, which would reduce their need for reliance on Bellingham, therefore keeping some traffic off the Mt. Baker Highway and protecting the environment.

There are two gas stations in Kendall with convenience stores. This does not seem adequate for the population's needs.

I am also familiar with and strongly impressed by the proposed Balfour Village. It appears to be a progressive approach to development, with community and environmental sustainability at the forefront. Such a development could only be a great benefit to the area, especially with the addition of a commercial center.

Please consider, while you are planning for the future of this area, the positive impact increased businesses and services would have on the lives of the people in the Columbia Valley as well as on the environment.

Thank you,

Anne Baker